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THE CREST OF BEEST, IN THE NETHERLANDS

The Crest of the Dutch village of Beest dates back to the Crusades. Citizens of the town enlisted under the banner of the German Emperor, Frederick Barbarossa. In grateful recognition of this service by her citizens, the Emperor and the Patriarchs of Jerusalem joined in bestowing upon the town of Beest this Crest.

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In America

Of Holland Descent

With Copious

Biographical Notes

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FOREWORD

THE early records of the Dutch and Lutheran churches in New York State, and especially of the churches about the Hudson River, from New York to Albany, were translated for the Holland Society of New York City a few years ago. These records, now in the Archives of the Society, are not available, ordinarily, to non-members. For the purpose of solving some of the many difficulties which confronted me in compiling the Van Deusen Genealogy, upon which I was then (1900) engaged, I made, in connection therewith, an exhaustive search of the records of the following churches, for the furtherance of this compilation, the Marriage and Baptismal records, and the Minutes of the Consistory, from 1683, in each church, except as otherwise stated: Albany (Dutch), to 1760; Claverack (Dutch), to 1787; Churchtown (Lutheran), to 1820; Johnstown (Dutch), to 1780; Kinderhook (Dutch), to 1784; Kingston (Dutch), from 1639 to 1801; Schenectady (Dutch), from 1680 to 1901; Ghent (Dutch and Lutheran), from beginning to 1901. In addition to the church records hundred of volumes of historical, biographical, and miscellaneous publications have been minutely examined, some of which are very scarce and exceedingly difficult to consult, except in a few private libraries, for genealogical notes and sketches and information relating to the founders of the Best family. It may be needless to say that the material has taken years to collect, caused much fatigue of travel, and necessitated voluminous correspondence. The author of these pages has endeavored to set forth not only the essential data of genealogical research but also such material as will illuminate the domestic and social life of an interesting period. Details, humble in them-

selves, framed in words and spelling of colonial simplicity, have seemed to have a significance which should interest not only the descendants, but, in a degree, the student of history and genealogy. Other sources of information have not been slighted; and the various offices of record, miscellaneous documents, bible records, local histories, and gravestone inscriptions have been examined, and duly credited in all instances.

The author is especially indebted to Mr. Robert M. Terry, of Hudson, N. Y., for the loan of portraits of Colonel Clermont L. Best, and Major C. L. Best, Jr.; acknowledgment is also due to others for portraits reproduced here.

The Bests were noted for large families, and the children were nearly all named after some member of a previous generation. The Johns, Jacobs, Peters, and Elizabeths were not allowed to pass out of existence. New names were rarely given to the children, and very few of them remained unmarried.

The system of numbering adopted is the simplest so far devised; and no difficulty, therefrom, will be encountered.

Three classes of numbers are used, viz.:

I Consecutive. These figures begin with No. 1, and are found in and constitute the left hand column of the book.

II Family. These are taken from the consecutive numbers and placed over the head of the family of the person they stand for in the consecutive column.

III Reference. These are taken also from the consecutive column and placed in parenthesis before certain names in order to show relationship and intermarriages.

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BEST GENEALOGY

DR. JOHNSON, in speaking of the writing of Dictionaries, which would apply equally as well to Genealogies, observes of the authors: "whom mankind have considered, not as the pupils, but the slaves of science, the pioneers of literature, doomed only to remove rubbish and clear obstructions from the paths through which learning and genius press forward to conquest and glory. . . . Every other author may aspire to praise, the lexicographer can only hope to escape reproach, and even this negative recompense has been yet granted to very few."

So to mark the paths for future researches beyond the confines of this country, let us examine for the name, or similar name, into the histories and biographies of other countries for the impress it has made on the records of early days. My object is to interest, not to convince, and to clear the boards before entering upon the more serious pursuit of the name in the records of our own country.

In Phillips' Dictionary of Biographical Reference we find the following: George Best, English Preacher and Author; d. 1609. Jean Best, French Engraver and Printer; b. 1808. John Best, Bishop of Carlyle, 1561; d. 1570. Willem Best, Dutch Jurist and Author; 1683–1719. William Draper Best, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas (1824); 1767–1845. Dominic de Bast, Dutch Landscape Painter; 1800. Friederick-Jacob Bast, German Diplomatist and Hellenist; 1772–1812. Louis Amedee de Bast, French Novelist; b. 1795. Martin-Jean de Bast, Flemish Archæologist and Priest; 1753–1825. Peter Bast, Engraver, 1598.

Burke's General Armory (1884) gives the names of fifteen Bests and three Bests who had been knighted and had coats of arms; many of these possessed crests. For example, one will suffice: "De Best, James (London, granted 4 July, 1617 by Camden, Clarenceux, to James De Best, of London, a free denizen, son of James De Best, of Flanders). Ar. on a fesse az. betw. three dragons' heads erased gu. as many fleurs-de-lis or. Crest—On a mural coronet or, a fleur-de-lis per pale gold and az. betw. two laurel branches vert."

In the Dictionary of National Biography we have the following, which is quoted somewhat at length: George Best (d. 1584?), navigator, accompanied Martin Frobisher in the three voyages undertaken (in 1576, 1577, and 1578) to discover the Northwest Passage, and published, on the return from the third voyage in 1578, "A Trve Discovrse of the late voyages of discouerie, for the finding of a passage to Cathaya, by the Northweast, vnder the conduct of Martin Frobisher, generall; deuided into three Bookes. In the first whereof is shewed his first voyage. Wherein also by the way is sette out a geographicall description of the worlde and what partes thereof haue bin discouered by the Nauigations of the Englishmen. Also there are annexed certayne reasons to proue all partes of the Worlde habitable, with a generall Mappe adioyned. In the second is set out his second voyage, with the aduentures and accidents thereof. In the thirde is declared the strange fortunes which hapned in the third, with a seuerall description of the Countrey and the people there inhabiting. With a particular Card therevnto adioyned of Meta incognita, so farre forth as the secretes of the voyage may permit. At London. Imprinted by Henry Byimyman seruant of the Right Honourable Sir Christopher Hatton Vizchamberlain. Anno Domini 1578." 4to, black letter. The book, which is of the highest rarity, is dedicated to

Sir Christopher Hatton. In the third voyage the fleet consisted of seventeen ships. Best was captain of the *Jane Anne*. The adventures through which the voyagers passed are described graphically and quaintly. At the time of its publication the narrative attracted much attention. A French translation appeared in the same year, under the title of "La Navigation du Cap. Martin Frobisher Anglois es regions de west et nordwest en l'année 1577, Pour Antoine Chuppen." 8vo. In 1580 a Latin translation (from the French) of the account of the second voyage was published at Nörenberg. Two years later an Italian version appeared at Naples. A second translation (from the French) was issued nearly a century afterwards, in 1675, at Hamburg. Best's narrative was included in the third volume of Hakluyt's "Voyages," 1600, and reprinted in 1867 by the Hakluyt Society. A George Best, servant to Sir Christopher Hatton, was killed in a duel about March, 1583/4, by Oliver St. John, afterwards Viscount Grandison. This person is doubtless to be identified with the writer of the "Trve Discovrse." Another George Best, Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, was instituted to the vicarage of All Saints, Cambridge, in 1572, and to the rectory of St, Dunstan-in-the-East, London, in 1596. He died in Nov., 1609. (See "Athenæ Cantabrigienses," ii., 524. Also "A Trve Discovrse of the late Voyages of Discouerie, &c.," edited by Rear-Admiral Richard Collinson, Hakluyt Society's Publications, 1867; Nicolas's "Hatton," 366; Herbert's "Ames," 982.)

Paul Best (1590?–1657), controversialist, comes of a family which had been long of the gentry in the North Riding of Yorkshire; but his father, James Best, having removed to the East Riding, was resident in the rectory-house of Hatton Cranswick, near Driffield, known as the burial-place of Alfred, King of Northumbria. Here it is believed Paul was born about 1590. In 1598 his father

purchased the manor of Emswell about two miles from Driffield, for £2050. It had been a monastery of St. Mary of York, and in possession of Sir Thomas Crompton. James Best, as was the wont then with squires, cultivated his own land and grew rich. Dying in April, 1617, he left in his will competent portions to his younger children, and his manor of Emswell and messuages at Beverly to Paul, the eldest son. Paul was at the University of Cambridge when the message reached him of his father's death. From a manuscript of Rev. Roger Ley, we learn that Paul was of Jesus College, Cambridge, having Sir William Boswell, afterwards ambassador for England at The Hague, as his tutor, and this Roger Ley as his fellow-student and "intimate." In September, 1617, he left Jesus, and became a fellow of Catharine Hall. His father, who was most probably a puritan, had meant him to be of Emmanuel. On 13 February, 1618, he parted with his manor of Emswell to his younger brother Henry for the sum of £2200, which was paid him as an annuity for his life. Of his character while at the university Ley thus writes: "In wit he surpassed the ordinary sort, and had a mighty reach. Yet was he more nimble than staid. His quaint and curious searches in philosophy above the ordinary strain made me and others much admire him. For a serious study he excelled in the mathematics, and for a pleasantrie in poetry." Verses by P. B. prefixed to Robert Anten's "Vice's Anatomy" (1617) have been assigned to him, but this P. B. was of Magdalen College. The only poetry by him now traceable is a copy of verses "to Christ." On leaving Cambridge he followed uncertain courses. He proceeded to the continent, and mingled a good deal with educated and "disputative" men of the period. He is found in Germany in 1624, and in Poland, and as a soldier under Gustavus Adolphus, but Ley, his biographer, does not claim for him military renown. "If he had any good military parts," he says, "I may say he was able tam

Marte quam Mercurio. Fit to hold discourse with any man he was, and an excellent companion." Ley continues: "He fell to dispute often where he had opportunity, as in the university of Gryphiswald in Pomerania—where Priscian was slain. In these northern parts of Germany, and also Poland and Transylvania, places not free from error, he unhappily disputed with some anti-trinitarians, and more adhering to carnal reason than to mysteries of faith, he was drawn to the dangerous opinion, the denial of our Saviour's divinity." His return was preceded by some years of retirement in Germany, chiefly spent in the study of unitarian theology. His annuity from the sale of Emswell is traced as having been paid 26 May, 1628, also in 1632 at Emswell, and again upon August, 1632 and 1634. The chronology is not exact, but after-allusions bring him before us as a sufferer for his opinions. Having written out his conclusions on the doctrine of the Trinity, he submitted his "loose papers" to the Rev. Roger Ley for his judgment. The manuscript was sent privately and in confidence. Ley appears to have instantly made the "loose papers" public by bringing them under the notice of those in authority. Best never changed in this allegation. In his last pamphlet, "Mysteries Discovered," in a reiterated copy of his "Humble Petition," he expressly places it on record that he had been a close prisoner ever since the 14 February, 1644/5) "onely for his presumed reason or opinion committed to a minister (a supposed friend) for his judgment and advice onely." Be this as it may, all we learn is that Roger Ley and other divines were assiduous and earnest in their visits and reasonings with the prisoner. Roger Ley's manuscript, as well as Whitelocke's "Memorial of the English Affairs during the Reign of Charles I," enables us to go behind the scenes so far. Best is represented as having applied "the most profane epithets to the doctrine of the Trinity," calling it "a mystery of iniquity, a three-headed monster, a figment,

a tradition of Rome, monstrum biforme and triforme," etc. For this he was committed to the Gatehouse 14 Feb., 1644/5. After several examinations, on 28 March, 1645/6, the house voted that he be hanged for his offence. On 23 Nov. a provision affirming the lawfulness of capital punishment for heresy was carried but it was not till 2 May, 1648, that the ordinance was actually passed, and by that date Best had been released. In 1646 Best drew up "A letter of Advice vnto the Ministers at Westminister, with severall consideration—The porsibility of a heretick's repentance, so long as he lives, and such as do any wayes cause him to dye in heresie, as much as in them lyes, do effectually damn him eternally; and consequently, that Paul Best (what-ever his errours be at present), as well as Paul the Apostle, once a blasphemer, may one day become a convert, if he be not untimelyst arved to death beforehand, 1646" (in MS. marked 28 April). Having launched his "Letter of Advice," Best set about the preparation of a respectful petition to the House of Commons. He appealed to the house to "be pleased to take notice" that he had been "eighteen months imprissoned, with what impairing of his substance" he forbore stating. The petition sought release or a "speedie hearing." This was on 13 Aug., 1646. Still his release lingered. He once more appealed to the authorities in a treatise entitled "Mysteries Discovered, or a Memoriall Picture pointing out the Way from Babylon to the Holy City, for the good of all such as during that night of general errour and apostacie (2 Thess. ii., 3; Revel. iii., 10) have been so long misled with Rome's hobgoblins. By me, Paul Best, Prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, 1647." This is an appeal to justice, and a defence against the charges brought against him. On the blank spaces of the Bodleian copy is a manuscript anti-trinitarian note in Latin, which was supposed by Brook Aspland to be in Milton's autograph. It seems most probable that Cromwell at last interfered. However

it came about, he was silently released towards the close of 1647. He quietly returned to his family seat. His brother Henry was then dead, and had been succeeded in Emswell by his son, John Best, to whom by some arrangement Paul (his uncle) surrendered his annuity on 22 Jan., 1651/2, and with what of his fortune he had left, cultivated a farm. He still pursued his old studies, and masses of his manuscripts were left behind at his death. The parish register of Little Driffield gives the dates of birth and burial: "1657, Paul Best, Master of Arts, died at Great Driffield 17 Sept. and was buried at Little Driffield 19 Sept. in the churchyard." (Ley's MS., in possession of H. B. Bright, and latterly of Joseph Hunter, from the Chorus Vatum; letters from Rev. Horace Newton, Driffield; Wallace's "Anti-Trinitarian Biography," i., 87, iii., 161; Whitelocke's "Memorials"; Neal, iii., 292; Best's Works.)

Thomas Best (1570?–1638?), captain of the navy, was probably the son of Captain George Best, the companion of Frobisher in the Arctic voyages (Hakluyt, iii., 47, 60, 75, etc.; "Calendar of State Papers, East Indies," 1513–1616, see index). He went first to sea about 1583 ("Best to Conway, 13 July, 1623), being then presumably about thirteen (13) years old; and yet he is referred to as being in 1598 a man of substance and repute, well known in Ratcliff and Limehouse (Rundall's "Memorials of the Empire of Japan,"—Hakluyt Society,—29). He was appointed 30 Dec., 1611, to command the *Red Dragon*, a ship of some 600 tons and 200 men, then fitting for a voyage to the East Indies, and accompanied by the *Osiander* pinnace, he sailed from Gravesend on 5 Feb., 1611/12. He arrived at Surat in the beginning of September, to the great annoyance of the Portuguese, who had previously established themselves in the country. They collected a force of four galleons, each as large as the *Dragon*, and some twenty

small craft, rowboats carrying many men, and on the 29 Oct. appeared off the mouth of the river, where they hoped to surprise the English. Best, in the *Dragon*, at once weighed, stood out to meet them, and passed between two of their ships, firing into each. This caused the Portuguese to pause. The darkness closed in, and they had to anchor for the night. The next morning the *Osiander* also came out, and when three of the galleons, in trying to avoid the *Dragon*, got on shore, the *Osiander*, drawing little water, "danced the hay about them, and so payed them that they durst not show a man on their decks." The fight continued till dark of the second day. The third day was very similar to the second. Towards evening the Portuguese drew back and attempted to burn the *Dragon* by means of a hastily equipped fireship. This Best succeeded in sinking before she got dangerously near, and so the fight ended. The loss of the English was returned as three killed and one wounded; that of the Portuguese was certainly very heavy (Purchas, i., 482). Some few days later the Portuguese attempted a further attack, when Best, again standing out to sea, engaged them with such resolution and skill that after four hours' severe fighting they made all sail to get away. The fight was witnessed by thousands on the shore.

The Great Mogul was now quite willing to recognize the English as having rights equal to those of the Portuguese. The English trade was placed on a permanent footing, and The birth of the English power in India may properly be dated from this November, 1612, rather than from any of the semi-piratical voyages of previous years. In January, 1612/13, Best in the *Dragon*, accompained by the *Osiander*, left Surat, and, passing down the coast, crossed over to Acheen, where he arrived on 12 April. He described (12 July) the king and people as very "griping, base, and covetous." All trade was forbidden except at Acheen; but by releasing a Portuguese whom he had captured, he suc-

ceeded in winning the favor of the king, who gave him the title of "Orancaya pute," which is "white or clear-hearted lord." He also obtained permission to open a trade with Siam, and received assurance of good entertainment. At Bantam he obtained a grant of land on which to build warehouses, and when, having got a full cargo, he sailed in November on the return voyage, the Company's affairs in the East were far more satisfactorily settled than before. The *Red Dragon*, "richly laden," arrived in the Downs in the first week of June, 1614, and Best shortly afterwards attended the Council to give a detailed account of his proceedings. He was considered to have "deserved extraordinarily well," though at the same time some dissatisfaction was expressed at "his great private trade" (Col. State Papers, East Indies, 22 June, 26 July, 9 and 19 Aug., 1614). The question was left to the governor, Sir Thomas Smythe, who gave as his opinion that no one could be a fitter commander than Best, but that for merchandise Captain Keeling was far before him, and should be sent to Surat (7 Sept.). Best nettled, it would appear, by the refusal of the Council to give his son an appointment as one of their factors, refused to go at all. As he very shortly afterwards (27 Sept.) signified his willingness to go another year, it is not improbable that the Council gave way. Reports to his disadvantage, however, continued to be circulated, so that Best insisted on an investigation. The decision was that the Company was "content to remit all that is past and let these things die, which should not have been ripped up, had he not called them in question himself" (24 Oct., 1615). In October, 1617, the question of sending out a chief commander to Bantam came before the Council, and after discussing the relative merits of Sir Richard Hawkins, Sir Thomas Dale, and others, they requested the governor to confer with Best, as the fittest of all. Best accepted the appointment, and agreed to sail again in the *Dragon*, but a complaint was presently lodged

against him for having appointed his son as a master's mate. On this and other grounds Best declined the command; he was summoned before the court, and after some discussion and his refusal to sign a bond for £5000 to perform the articles agreed on, he was dismissed the Company's service (25 Nov.). He afterwards (27 Jan., 1617/18) made his peace with them, but he does not seem to have again accepted any office under the Company. It is probable that Best had already served in royal ships, and from this time he was actively employed under the crown. In 1623 he commanded the *Garland*, and when the fleet sailed for Spain to bring back Prince Charles, Best remained as senior officer in the Downs. He had previously been engaged in the prevention of piracy, or the pursuit of pirates (Conway to Commissioners of the Navy, 6 June, 1623), and he would probably have had more of the same duty, had not the insolence of the Dutch, in destroying a Dunkirk privateer at Leith and blockading another at Aberdeen, rendered it necessary to send a small force to the coast of Scotland. It was determined that Best was the proper man to command this expedition; but the *Bonaventure*, the only other ship available, was commanded by Sir William St. Leger, who held that, as a knight, he could not be under the orders of Best. The commissioners of the navy recommended that St. Leger should be superseded in the *Bonaventure* by some captain of "meaner quality." Captain Christian, who had formerly commanded the *Osiander* with Best, was accordingly appointed in his place. The *Garland* and *Bonaventure* sailed from Margate on 30 June, and, having gone to Aberdeen, brought the blockaded Dunkirker to the Downs, closely attended by two of the Dutch ships, and when, on 29 July, the convoy attempted to run off by herself, the Dutchmen would have made a prize of her if Best had not beaten them off. He vowed vengeance, but the Dutch ships outsailed him. On 4 Aug., they had all

anchored in the Downs, the Dutch at some distance, when Best slipped alongside of them in the dark, and beat them out of the road. The next day the Dutch gathered in force, and threatened summary punishment, unless he could show the king's commission for what he had done. As naval commissions, then, as now, were signed only by the admiralty, Best had not the authority the Dutch required, and to evade the difficulty he was ordered to bring the ships up to Gravesend. Eventually he was superseded, and the Dunkirker was sent home with a safe-conduct from the Dutch (Cal. State Papers, Dom., August, 1623; Gardiner's "Hist. of England," v., 81–8). In 1626/7 Best commanded the *Vanguard* (19 March, 1626/7) which formed part of the fleet assembled at Portsmouth under Lord Willoughby (State Papers, Dom., Charles I., xxxii., 74), and in the disastrous expedition to Rhé in 1627 (*ibid.*, lvi., 88, lxv., 14). In September, 1630, he was member of a commission to report on the keeping of the king's ships at Chatham and Portsmouth, and in April, 1632, of another to consider the manning of ships. In 1633 he seems to have been senior warden of the Trinity House, and in 1634 to have been master (*ibid.*, cclxxiii., 25, 271); in 1637 he appears to have been still master of the Trinity House; and in April, 1638, he sat on a commission for inquiring into frauds in the supply of timber. This is the last mention of him that can be traced; it seems, therefore, probable that he died shortly afterwards (Calendar of State Papers, Domestic and East Indies, 1611–38.)

William Draper Best, the first Baron of Wynford (1767–1845), judge, the third son of Thomas Best, by a daughter of Sir William Draper, K. B. (by his first wife), was born at Haselbury-Plucknett, Somerset, on 13 Dec., 1767. After receiving his education at the grammar school at Crewkerne, he was admitted to Wadham College, Oxford, at the age of fifteen, but left the university in his seventeenth

year without taking his degree. He had been intended at first for the church, but having come into a considerable fortune from a cousin during his residence at Oxford, he entered the Middle Temple on 9 Oct., 1784. He was called to the bar on 6 Nov., 1789, and joined the home circuit. The first case in which he attracted notice was that of Shakespear *v.* Peppin (6 T. R., 741) in June, 1796, when Lord Kenyon, C. J., paid many compliments to his talents and industry. It is said that the brief in this case fell into his hands by the happy accident of the absence of the counsel who was engaged in the cause. He soon afterwards secured an extensive practice, both on the home circuit and at Westminster Hall. Though at Westminster he chiefly practised in the common pleas, he was engaged in many cases of importance in the king's bench and exchequer, and also in some of the principal criminal trials of the day. In 1799 he became a serjeant-at-law, and in July, 1802, was elected member for Petersfield. He was now attached to the whig party, and was one of the acting managers on the impeachment of Lord Melville. He continued to sit for Petersfield until the dissolution of Parliament. In March, 1809, he was elected recorder of Guilford in the place of Lord Grantley. In October, 1812, he was returned as a member for Bridport, and, having changed his politics, was appointed, 7 Dec., 1813, solicitor-general to the Prince of Wales. On 14 Feb., 1816, he became the prince's attorney-general, and two years afterwards chief justice of Chester. Upon the elevation of Abbott to the chief-justiceship, Best succeeded to the vacancy in the king's bench on 30 Nov., 1818, but did not receive the honor of knighthood until 3 June, 1819. After sitting as a puisne judge for rather more than five years, he was made chief justice of the common pleas on 15 April, 1824, and admitted to the Privy Council on 25 May in the same year. His health throughout his career was a source of great suffering, and he was constantly incapacitated

by severe attacks of gout. In June, 1829, he gave up his post on the bench, and, a pension having been granted to him, was called to the House of Lords by the title of Lord Wynford of Wynford Eagle in the county of Dorset, on 5 June, 1829. He was appointed one of the deputy speakers of the house, where he was a vehement supporter of the tory party, and strenuously opposed the Reform Bill at every stage. As a lawyer he had no great reputation, but as an advocate his qualities were both varied and extensive. His style of speaking was forcible and pointed, but not always fluent, though his arguments were at all times remarkable for their clearness. His quickness and unwearying activity made him a most watchful adversary, though as a leader he was not always safe. As a parliamentary speaker he was much less successful than as an advocate, and as a judge he was unfortunately far from being free from bias of temper, and sometimes even of political prejudice. The opinions he was supposed to have uttered on the subject of the game laws in Ilott *v.* Wilkes (3 B. & A., 304) called forth a bitter article by Sydney Smith in the "Edinburgh Review" (vol. xxxv.), entitled "Spring Guns and Man Traps." Best's judgment, however, seems to have been grossly misreported in the account of the case to which Sydney Smith referred. A number of his judgments will be found in vols. ii. to v. of "Bingham's Reports." On 11 June, 1834, the degree of D.C.L. was conferred upon him by the University of Oxford. When attending the House of Lords he used to be carried there in an arm-chair in which he was permitted to sit when addressing the house. In his later years his increasing infirmities compelled him gradually to withdraw from public life. He died at his county seat of Leasons in Kent, on 3 March, 1845, aged 78. Early in life, on 6 May, 1794, he married Mary Anne, second daughter of Jerome Knapp, clerk to the Haberdashers' Company, by whom he had ten children. The title is now borne by his grandson,

William Draper Mortimer Best, who succeeded his father, the second baron, on 28 Feb., 1869. (Foss's "Judges," 1864, ix., 9–12; "Law Magazine," xxxiii., 308–17; "Law Review," ii., 168–75; "Law Times," iv., 447; "Annual Register," 1845, appendix, p. 255; "Gent. Mag.," 1845, xxiii., N. S., 431–2; Campbell's "Lord Chancellors," vol. viii., passim; Campbell's "Chief Justices," vol. iii., passim; "Edinburgh Review," xxxv., 123–34, 410–21.)

Henry Digby Best, afterwards Beste (1768–1836), miscellaneous author, born in Lincoln 21 Oct., 1768, was the son of Henry Best, D.D., prebendary of Lincoln. His mother was Magdalen, daughter of Kenelm Digby, of North Luffenham, in Rutland. He matriculated at University College 17 March, 1785, and soon afterwards was nominated a demy to Magdalen. After taking the degrees of B.A. and M.A. was appointed to curacy of St. Martin in Lincoln. He wrote a number of books, which were highly approved by the chief members of Oxford in 1794. Shortly afterwards he changed his name to Beste. He was finally converted to Catholicism. He was then considered one of the brightest minds in England. In 1818 he removed his family to the south of France, where he published a number of works of travel, and personal and literary memorials. He died 28 May, 1836, in his 68th year. (Autobiographical writings of Henry Digby Beste, reissued with reprint in a third edition of his sermon on Priestly Absolution, 1874 pp. 1–85 and 114–239; Register of the Demies of S. M. Magdalen College, Oxford, 1785, iv., 97; "Catholic Magazine" for 1838, p. 480; "Notes and Queries," 1st Series, xii., 227, 314, 3rd Series, xi., 57, note.)

Charles Best (fl. 1602), poet, was a contributor to Francis Davison's "Poetical Rapsodie." The first edition of that anthology contains two pieces by Best, "A Sonnet of the Sun" and a "Sonnet of the Moon." To the third edition

(1610) he contributed "An Epitaph on Henry Fourth, the last French King," "An Epitaph on Queen Elizabeth," "Union's Jewell," "A Panegyrick to my Sovereign Lord the King," and a few other pieces. Best's name is only known in connection with the "Poetical Rapsodie." The "Sonnet of the Sun," and "Sonnet of the Moon" are graceful pieces, and make us regret that the author wrote so little. (Davison's "Poetical Rapsodie," ed. N. H. Nicolas, 1826.)

In Hutton's "List of Emigrants to America," 1600 to 1700, we find the names of Christopher Best, 1623, to James City, Va.; Richard Best (18 yrs.), 1635, to the Barbadoes, in the expedition from Gravesend, Eng.; Thomas Best (33 yrs.), 1635, in the same ship as Richard; Francis Bestt, to James City, Va., in the *George*, 1635. We find, in the early records of Massachusetts, that John Best, of Salem, came in the *Hercules*, in 1635, from Sandwich, a village in the parish of St. George, Canterbury, England. John (Salem), probably son of preceding, married, Oct. 10, 1670, Susanna Doren, and had, John, born Sept., 1671-2, and Susanna, born Jan. 25, 1674. In "Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York," vol. ii., p. 456, we note the following entry in the "Book of Monthly Payments," No. 12, folio 92, kept by Jacob Sam, under date, Dec. 31, 1663, "to part duty for so much received for right of anchorage from the following ships," among which was the *Arent*, Pieter Cornelissen Bes, Skipper, £100. In "Colonial New York" (Schuyler), and "History of the New Netherlands" (O'Callaghan), we are told that John Amadon Best was a captain in the Swedish navy. These extracts from early records are noted for the purpose of distinguishing the Bests of English and other foreign descent from the Bests of Holland, who, for the most part, settled among the "Plat Dütchers" of Kippsbergen; and it is the latter with whom we are concerned. In "Docu-

mentary History of New York," vol. iii., page 58, among the list of immigrants to New Netherland, who embarked in the *Beaver*, May, 1661, were Peter Marcelis van Beest, and wife and four children, and two servants; Aert Pietersen Buys van Beest, and wife and son; Frans Jacobsen van Beest, and wife and two children; Widow, Geertje Cornelis van Beest, and six children; Widow, Adreaentje Cornelis van Beest, and daughter; Goosen Jansen van Noort van Beest; Hendrick Dries van Beest; Neeltje Jans van Beest; Geertruy Teunissen van Beest. Embarked, in the *Rosetree*, March, 1663, Jan Petersen Buys van Beest. Embarked, in the *Spotted Cow*, April, 1663, Marytje Theunis van Beest. Everts and Ensign, in their "History of Columbia County," p. 23, give also the above names and say that they are "of those who are believed to have been among the earliest settlers upon lands in this county." Upon arriving at New Netherlands the names of these immigrants do not appear again in any of the annals or records of the Province, until nearly half a century later. We may, therefore, assume that the ships' registrars intended, in these instances, to designate the name of the small hamlet, Beest, in Holland, from which these persons migrated, and from which they probably derived their name. Having found for them a name, let us examine now the church records, for marriages and baptisms, many of which were, in early days, imperfectly kept, some of which were lost, and others destroyed. In these early records we discover the names of four Bests, only, which may be connected together from the fact that many of their children were baptized in the same churches, intermarried, and had, as witnesses to the baptisms of their offspring, when possible, each other, or their children. Their names were (John) Jacob Bast (Best), (George) Juriaan Best, Beeltje van Beest (Best), and William Best. We know that one of them, and one only, so far as the records show, settled in the neighbor-

hood of Annesburg, now Germantown, in 1710, near, or in, the German Palatinate, founded by Queen Anne, for the settlement of the Palatines, by the purchase of 6000 acres of land in Livingston Manor, from Robert Livingston. "Documentary History of New York," vol. iii., page 572, says that Jacob Bast (Best) was a Palatine volunteer for the expedition against Canada, 1711, from Annesburg. Sometime before 1750, his descendants settled on the "Flats," in Livingston Manor, to be near the "Low Dutchers," as the Hollanders were called. The "Flats" were described, in 1730, as being "in the North Ward of Dutchess County, and situated on the south-westerly side of a large plain, near the grist-mill of Henry Beekman, the patentee," where they built their churches, and founded the community of Kippsbergen. Their power and influence were never great, and they were soon overwhelmed by the "High Dutchers," or German Palatines, by the strength of the tide with which they came into the country.

I

1 BEELTJE VAN BEEST (Best); m. Jacob Decker, of Shawangunck, near Kingston, and had issue:

2 BROER, bp. June 1, 1701, in the old Dutch Church, at Kingston. Spons., Broer Decker, Cornelia Decker.

Jacob Decker, the husband of Beeltje, was commissioned by the Governor of the Province of "Niew Yorke," in 1700, as Ensign in a Militia Regiment, "in ye County of Ulster," Foot Company, Capt. Jocham Schoonmaker. He was a Freeholder in the "Towne of Shawangunck," in Ulster Co., in 1720. "Doc. Hist. of N. Y.," vol. i., p. 362. As a property owner, he "enlisted" the names of the following

slaves: males, Jan, Charles; females, Floor, Grace, May 7, 1755. "Doc. Hist. of N. Y.," vol. iii., p. 847.

III

3 GEORGE JURIAAN (Jury) BEST; m. Antjen Donsbag, of Minnisink, Ulster County, and was the father of six children, as follows:

4 ANNA CHRISTYN, bp. July 27, 1712. Spons., Johan Willem Snyder, Anna Catryn, his wife; m. Hermans Dekker.

5 PIETER, bp. Oct. 31, 1714. Spons., Pieter van Leuven, Catryna Snyder.

6 EVA, bp. July 1, 1716. Spons., Jan Biks, Eva Brink.

7 NICLAES, bp. Feb. 1, 1719. Spons., Niclaes de Pue, Wyntjen Roosa.

8 JACOB, bp. Feb. 5, 1721. Spons., Cornelis Ennis, Marytjen van Etten.

9 MARGRIET, bp. Mch. 10, 1723. Spons., Henrich Donsbag, Margriet Donsbag.

All of the above baptisms are recorded in the Baptismal Record of the Dutch Church, at Kingston.

George Jury Best was one of the Freeholders ot the "Towne of Marble Towne," in 1728. "Doc. Hist. of N. Y." vol. iii., p. 971.

The parents of Antjen Donsbag were Henrich Donsbag and Margriet Kaggle, who resided at Kingston.

IV

4 ANNA CHRISTYN BEST, daughter of (3) George

Juriaan Best; m. July 4, 1733, Hermans Dekker. Married by Domine Geor Wilhelm Mancius. Issue:

10 RACHEL, bp. July 4, 1734. Spons., Jacobus Westval, Rachael Decker.

XI

11 WILLIAM BEST, m. Jan. 20, 1723, at the Dutch Church, in New York City, Mary Maggarits: "Personem met Geboden Jan. 5, 1723, Ingeteckent Jonathan Gleesen. j. m. V. Jerlant, met Mary Maggarits, Wed. V. William Best Getroinot Jan. 20, 1723" (Rec. of Mar. in Dch. Ch., N. Y., 1639–1801); and had:

12 JAMES, b. , who was a member of Captain Richards' Company, in New York City Militia, in 1738. "Doc. Hist. of N. Y.," vol. iv., p. 216. He had other children, probably (not traced), from whom many of the Bests, in New York City, may find their line of descent.

XIII

13 JACOB BEST, m. Anna Christina Dietrichin (Dederick), of Kingston. The six children are as follows:

14 ANNA MARIA, b. Mch. 9, 1720; bp. Lutheran Church, N. Y. City. Spons., John Jacob Thengs, Anna Maria, and Agnes Dietrichin (probably sisters); m. Apr. 26, 1738, John Marè, "j. m. of Devonshire, Eng. Banns, Apr. 1, 1738." She was described as of New York.

15 ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 2, 1722; bp. Lutheran Church,

N. Y. City. Spons., John Peter Phillip, Elizabeth Betzerin; m. Henrich Berringer.

16 JOHANNES, b. about 1730; m. 1749–50, Eva Lounart; d. 1780.

17 HARMANUS, b. ; m. about 1750, Marytje Rurigh.

18 JACOB, b. ; m., about 1760, Annatje Tact.

19 EDWARD, b. ; m. Aug. 20, 1755, Catherine Ray. No issue.

20 COENRADT, b.

Jacob Best, as stated above, was a volunteer for the expedition against Canada, in 1711. The Manor Church, in Livingston Manor, was erected in 1721, and organized, July 4, 1722, largely through the efforts of Robert Livingston, who was granted, in writing, by Governor Burnet, the privilege of receiving from "all Churches and Charitable People within the Provinces of New York and New Jersey, in America," all the "free and voluntary charity and Contributions of any of the inhabitants," to aid him in the work. ("Col. Co., at the End of the Century," vol. i., p. 601.) We know, also, that, until 1756, the congregation of this church depended entirely upon ministerial "supplies," and that the services therein were very irregular. The St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of the Manor, was organized, in 1764, by the pastor of the Churchtown Society; and this red Dutch church and its red-painted Record Book were opened on Oct. 5, 1766, for the congregation. The building is described as "a plain frame meeting house, built on the post road near the old Stickles place." It was used until 1820, and was generally called the "Piet Bush Church." The old residents of Johnstown say that the church stood opposite the orchard on the Clermont road, about one and a quarter miles south of the present village of Johnstown. In this orchard of full grown apple trees were found a number of "home"-cut headstones,

much broken and roughly hewn, the fragments of which were translated by Mr. D. Vesteeg, the official translator, for many years, of the Holland Society of New York. Owing to lack of churches, irregular pastoral visitations, unsettled conditions of the region, and dangers and difficulties of travel, many of the marriages were, of necessity, made, in the presence of witnesses, before magistrates, whose records have not come down to us. With the erection of churches, and the establishment of clerical offices, with which they were familiar in their native land, the genealogical history of the Dutch, along the Hudson River, had its beginning. The children of Elizabeth, Johannes, Harmanus, and Jacob were, thereupon, duly presented for baptism. The names of the witnesses to these ceremonies show that the closest relationship existed between the parents.

Coenradt Best, the son of (13) Jacob, fought in the Revolution. In Feb., 1776, he was chosen Ensign, in the 3rd Company, 6th Regiment, Albany County Militia (new organization), Capt. John Lantman (Lampman), Col. Stephen J. Schuyler. ("Cal. of N. Y. Hist. Manuscripts," vol. i., p. 247.) After the Revolution he settled in Pennsylvania, where many of his descendants are now living.

XV

15 ELIZABETH, daughter of (13) Jacob Best; m. Henrich Berringer, and had:

21 CONRAD, b. ; m. Jan. 23, 1763, Margaretha Schmidt, daughter of Zacharias Schmidt.

22 ELIZABETH, bp. Oct. 14, 1744; m., Apr. 4, 1763, Petrus Schmidt, son of Zacharias.

23 HENRICH, bp. Apr. 26, 1747; m. 1st, Jan. 19, 1772, Sarah Boehm; m. 2d, Anna Gerges. He d. 1804.

24 HANNAH, bp. ; m. Coonard Finger.
25 CATHERINE, bp. Oct. 26, 1755; m. Abraham T. Kip.
26 JACOB, bp. May 13, 1761.
27 GEORGE, b. Mch. 19, 1763; d. Aug. 28, 1849; m. 1st, Dec. 14, 1787, Anna Maria Snyder; m. 2nd, July 3, 1808, Catherine Ackert.
28 JOHANNES, bp. ; m. Elsjen Blass (Plass).

Catherine Pawling, of Rhinebeck Precinct, in Dutchess County, Province of New York, widow, by deed, dated December 4, 1747, gave to Henrich Berringer, and others, Elders and Deacons, of the High Dutch Reformed Church, of Rhinebeck, the church and four acres of land, with privilege to "cutt, ride and carry away all sorts of wood on the commons of Rhinebeck, aforesaid, for the use of said church and for fire wood for the minister and the church."

Thomas Fingar, a grandson of (15) Elizabeth Best, lived, in 1808, near Germantown Village, and was one of the Commissioners of Highways in Road District No. 8, on "Road leading from a cross-road beyond Conrad Lasher's, so on to Conrad Fingar, then to George Snyder's, then to the south side of John Kortz' store, where it joins the other road." "Rhinebeck Genealogy," p. 191, by G. M. Smith.

XXIII

23 HENRICH, son of (15) Elizabeth Berringer; m. 1st, Jan. 19, 1772, Sarah Boehm. Resided in Rhinebeck. Issue:

29 ELIZABETH, bp. Feb. 14, 1773.
30 REBECCA, bp. Dec. 4, 1774.
31 JACOB, bp. Apr. 27, 1777.
32 CATHARINA, bp. May 30, 1779.
33 ANNATJEN, bp. July 8, 1781.

34 JOHANNES, bp. Mch. 6, 1785; m. Maria Elsever.
35 SARAH, bp. July 19, 1789; m. Philip Kip.
36 JEREMIAS, bp. Dec. 30, 1795.

M. 2nd, Anna Gerges, and had:

37 MARTIN, bp. Nov. 30, 1800.

Henrich Berringer left a will dated Dec. 17, 1804, in which he names his son John, brother George, and brother-in-law Abraham T. Kip, Executors.

XXVII

27 GEORGE, son of (15) Elizabeth Berringer; m. 1st. Dec. 14, 1787, Anna Maria Snyder, and had:

38 JEREMIAS, bp. Aug. 3, 1788.
39 ELIZABETH, bp. Mch. 6, 1791.
40 CATHERINA, bp. Oct. 6, 1795; m. Sept. 2, 1828, Daniel D. Cookingham, at the Lutheran Church of Ghent.
41 JOHN, b. Aug. 18, 1793; m. Sallie Bennett.
42 ELIAS, bp. Dec. 6, 1798; m. Maria Shoemaker.
43 MARIA, b. ; m. Sept. 6, 1828, David Vradenburgh.

M. 2nd, July 3, 1808, Catherine Ackert, who d. Mch. 24, 1843. Issue:

44 EPHRAIM, b.
45 JULIA, b.

XLI

41 JOHN, son of (27) George Berringer; m. Sallie Bennett, and had:

46 GEORGE, b.

XVI

16 JOHANNES, son of (13) Jacob Best; m. about 1749–50, Eva Lounart, and had the following:

47 Jury (George) J.; m. Marytje Hooft.

48 Eva, bp. ; m. Oct. 23, 1770, Hendrick Platner, at Dutch Church, Albany. No issue.

49 Johannes, b. Apr. 24; bp. Apr. 28, 1751. Spons., Johannes Petrie, Thipyta Ham; m. Margaret Mesick; d. Oct. 25, 1820.

50 Elizabeth, bp. at Johnstown, Apr. 9, 1758. Spons., Harman Best, Maritie Rurich; m. Jacob Power.

51 Jeremias, bp. Feb. 22, 1761. Spons., Jurie Rosman, and wife, Lena Lesscher. Single.

52 Wilhelmus, bp. Nov. 20, 1763. Spons., Willem Bartel, Geertruy Rees; m. Mary Platnaar (Platner); d. July 30, 1829.

53 Anna, bp. May 18, 1766. Spons., Dirk Janse, Anna Best (Aunt); m. Philip Rockefeller.

54 Jacob, b. ; m. Elizabeth (Eva) Smith.

55 Benjamin, b. . Single.

56 Catherine, b. ; m. Elias Young.

57 Hendrick, b. . Single.

58 Peter, b. ; m. 1778 (60) Christina Best, daughter of (17) Harmanus Best.

Johannes Best settled on a life leased farm of 130 acres of land, now (1900) occupied by William Bryant, in the northern part of Livingston Manor, in the town of Clermont, at the intersection of the Albany Post Road and the road to Elizaville, within a stone's throw of the residence of Ffitz Mujigh (Mesick), the original ancestor of the Mesicks in this country (Mesick Genealogy). By reason of the close intimacy two intermarriages shortly resulted.

In the Register of Membership of the Johnstown Dutch Church appears the name of "Johannes Best and syn huysvrouw," in 1759; Deacon of the church, Jan. 7, 1759; Elder, Dec. 18, 1763, to Jan. 16, 1771.

He had five sons in the War of the Revolution. He himself served in the war, being a member of the 10th Regiment (Land Bounty Rights), Capt. Conrad Cline; and, also, a member of the Independent Company, Capt. Petrus van Gaasbeck. (55) Benjamin saw service in the 8th Regt., and in the Independent Co., under the same Captain, afterwards joining the 6th Co., 10th Regt., Col. Robert R. Livingston, the same company of which his brother, (52) William, was a member, and of which his brother, (49) John, Jr., was Lieutenant. (47) George J. served in the same Independent Co. as his father, Johannes. (49) John, Jr., served in the war (stated in full under his family record). (58) Peter took part in the Revolution (see under his family record). These troops were all a part of the Albany County Militia. "N. Y. in the Revo.," p. 133. The following note, appearing in Spofford's "Gazetteer of Columbia County," may interest: "On the 27th of Mch., 1791, a Special Act of the Legislature was passed, authorizing the building of a school house and the maintaining of a school master, in the town of Clermont, out of the 'moneys arising from excise and other sources, in the hands of Overseer of Poor, but not needed for the support of the poor.' " (47) George J. Best, and Marks Blatner, brother-in-law, were of the number authorized to carry out the Act. A small piece of land was set aside for the use of the Palatine Minister, "provided he shall likewise teach the school." (47) George J. was Executor of the will of Johannes Michel Mochie.

Phillip Lounart, the father of Eva Lounart, in his will, recorded Mch. 17, 1768, describes himself as of "Rhinebeck Precinct, Livingston Manor, Yoeman," and names his wife, Anna Catrina, son, Peter, daughter, Eva, wife of

(16) Johannes Best, daughter, Catrina, wife of Nicolas Traver, and grandson, Philip Traver. He appoints his son, Peter, (16) Johannes Best, and William Beam, Executors.

The widow Lounart was still living in 1790, and occupied the old homestead on the "right hand side of the road to the Manor House from the Linlithgo Reformed Church, being the first house."

One of the earliest wills recorded in the office of the Surrogate of Columbia County is that of (16) Johannes Best. His will is dated Dec. 10, 1787, and was probated Apr. 4, 1788. In it he names his sons (55) Benjamin and (49) John, and (64) George Best, son of his brother, Harman, Executors. He speaks of himself as "being sick and weak of body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory"; desires that his burial shall be "decent without pomp or state"; mentions his "dear and lovely wife," to whom he bequeaths two negro women, named "Bet," and "Rose"; mentions his sons, Jacob, Johannes, Benjamin, Wilhelmus, and Jeremiah, and his daughters, Catherine, Eve, Elizabeth, and Hannah. The witnesses were Solomon Martin, John Minchlaer, and Leonard Ten Broech.

JOHANNES BEST ARDGEBORENDEN 172, UND WARD ANNO UND MGNTHEN UND DAGE ALD UND SDARBDEN, 1788.

XVII

17 HARMANUS, son of (13) Jacob Best; m. about 1750, Marytje Rurigh. Both of Livingston Manor. Issue:

59 CATRIEN, bp. Feb. 3, 1751. Spons., Adam Petries, Catryn Vonk; m. Jacob Decker.

60 CHRISTINA, bp. Aug. 17, 1760. Spons., Niclaes Dick, and wife, Christina Herder; m. (58)

Peter Best, son of (16) Johannes Best and Eva Lounart.

61 MAGDALENA, bp. Feb. 6, 1763. Spons., Willem Bitser, and wife, Magdalena Dunsbach; m. David Batz (Potts).

62 JACOB HARMEN, b. 1767; m. Eva Minklaer; d. Mch. 8, 1831.

63 ANNA, b. ; m. Seth Tobey.

64 GEORGE, b. ; m. Marytje Musich (Mesick).

65 ELIZABETH, b. ; m. Martin T. Cooper.

Harman Best was living in 1790 in the vicinity of Clermont, south of Johnstown and north of Blue Store, in the town of Livingston. In "Calendar of Wills," in 1785, we find him as Executor of the will of Jacob Blattner (Platner), a miller, of the Manor. Also, under same date, as Executor of the will of Jury Mosser (Mosier), of West Camp, Albany County. He was one of the signers of the petition for the mitigation of the sentence by court-martial of Aarnold Viele, in 1777. "Calendar of New York Historical Documents," vol. ii., p. 192 (Petitions 33: 486).

"Unto the Honorable, the Council of Safety for the State of New York, now setting at Kingston:

"The Petition of Aernout Viele, of the Manor of Livingston, Humbly Sheweth,—That your Petitioner is now a prisoner in the City Hall of Albany unto sentence of death, and unless Almighty God inclines the Hearts of your Honours to extend your clemency to him is to be executed on Monday next. In the deepest Distress and impressed with the most poignant emotions of contrition he implores permission to approach your Honours, and ardently requests that you will deign to consider his unhappy situation, lead astray by the insinuations and fallacious reasoning of designing men he has greatly erred and justly incurred the dreadful sentence passed against him. He does not complain of justice, but implores mercy, he is a youth inex-

perienced in Politicks and Law, it was therefore easy for insiduous and evil meaning men to draw him into the snare that has proved his Ruin. He has not yet seen twenty-one years, and Death having deprived him of his Parents he was at a Loss for that wholesome admonition which might have been expected from such near and dear Relations. Reluctant to Quite this temporal Existence at so early a Period and but ill prepared for that unchangeable and eternal state which must commence after Death, he fervently beseaches your Honours to have compassion upon his youth and Inexperience, to forgive his crimes or mitigate the Rigour of his sentence, and permit to live and exert his utmost Endeavours to make an attonement to his injured Country. He has two orphan Sisters that depend upon God, upon him for support and Protection, who, if he suffers, must with his other Relations, although innocent of his crimes, partake of his disgrace. May it therefore please your Honours to take what is here represented into your most serious consideration, and permit a sincere penitent to conjure you by the mercies of God shown to mankind in Jesus Christ to reverse or mitigate the sentence passed upon me or if it is irreversibly determend (which God forbid) that I must suffer an ignominious Death be pleased for Christ's sake to grant me some longer Time than my sentence has stated, that I may repent of my sins and prepare for Eternity. And your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall ever pray."

"Dated, June 24, 1777." (Signed) "AERNOUT VIELE."

Among those who subscribed their names to the above petition were: (13) Jacob Best, (18) Jacob Best, Jr., (47) George J. Best, (17) Harman Best, (64) George (Jury) Best.

In "Calendar of New York Historical Documents," vol. ii., p. 190 (Petitions 33: 484), we find the "Confession of Aernout Viele," dated at the city and county of Albany, June 23, 1777:

"A Confession of all My Misdeeds for which I am sory.
"To the Honourable Court Mashel.

"At first Notis was Given to Me to appere at the House of Bastion Been and the Man that Warned Me I Do Not Remember but I Whant there and Than I was Caled into the back Rume to this Men which asked if I was Willing to take the Oath of Secrit and I told him yeas I Could Kip Secrit but I asked him if it would Not bring Me Into Trouble and he Told Me No Danger and I took the oath than He Did Reed the in Listmant and there was these Low Letters Mantioned J. H. to be Chosen and appinted Colonel and I asked the Signification of these Letters and he said John Husten. Than I asked his Name and he said Christian Ware and another Man that Want Round with him George fincel. Than he asked me to take the Second oth and I Told him that I was afraid of Trouble. That he Told Me That Tsaut True the Country to Save our Lives and familys that the Rigolars was Rathy to Com True the Contry and that there should be No Marsey Shown to tham if the Did not Dow this than I Took the oath Than I Want home than I thoat I have Good Neighbours at home it should be hard that they should sufer I Told Lieutenant Cornelius Dacker of and he said that he would not Due it but after That he Did it for we Tought it for our Good but Christian Whare told us that we Should join the Regolars if the Did come up the River Than Sum Days afterwords Handarick plas Come in the Neighbourhood about fore Miles from our house with Sutch Papers and than Gorge More sent for Me to Com to the house of Gidion Fradanburgh the same Night by John Turner and he Told My Brother Chark and he Told Me and I Want there and as I Com in thay samed to be glad and Matthew Everts was Righting sum of these Names Down than Mr More Com up to Me and asked if I would Reed that baper to him and the pepel in the Rume and I Told him that I Did Not Like

than he Told Me that I must Dueth for there was Nobody fit in the Rume nor in the Neighbourhood but I Could Reed Good English and Explain it to them in Dutch Than I asked him to show his Auturity Than he Laid his Paper Down upon a Table and I sat Down and Looked it over and I Got up from the Table and said I Did not Like to Dow it and Mr More said you Moust Dow it four your Nighbours than I Did it fornisheth the oth to the People and Lift the Paper with tham after sum Days Came Mr More and Hendarick Plas and Jacob frayr and David fray to have Me to go with tham to Tunis Sneks house they should have sum People there Gathereth I Told tham to Git Sumbody els that I Did Not Like to Dow it, says Mr More it is No hurt you Moust Dow it Than I whant and Did fournish the oath. Than I Was Desired by Mr More and sum more in the Rume to Com there onse More for Mr Mores Brother Was Not there and sum More of the Nighbours and God Nows that I Did Not Love to Dow it but Told Tham yeas and Did so Than I was Desired by Mr More and Handirick Plas to Com to Philip frayrs and whant to go thare Isaac fadenburgh Wife Stopt me Upon the Road by her house and Told Me that I was Desiered to Com to Cornelius Vousburgh but Know Not for what but Philip frayrs soun Told her's so to sand me thare and thare I Did the same fournished the oath to them Whan I was the Second Time at Tunis Snuck Than Mr More Told Me to keep the Papour with Me for there Was sum people in the Rume that Did Desier Me to Com to one John Dengses, and I whant thare and whan I com Neir the House I was stoped By a parsel of Man that Told Me to Go Back to one Handarick Hous Rought [Hoysradt] and the Man I Did Not know then I want there and fournished the oath to Tham than I want Home and Than Thare Come tow soutch persons and Desireth Me to fournish the oth to and I Did and these Tow Man Desired Me to Go to My Brother Philip Viele My Brother Was Not at hom

Nor his Wife that there Was three Man Good frinds of tham that I should oblige tham very Mutch for the Wanted to take this oath and I want and Mit one of tham Chause to Me to fitch Me for one Tham was Not Well fornished the oath tham and Returned home and Give the Paper to Nicolis Brese and he Wanet [went] of with it and he Returned and Broat another to I aske him where he Got it he told me in Claverack Than I was Desire to go to Jacob Deckers one Evening and Did and fournished the oath to one Man Jacob Decker and after that I Give the Paper to Christian Crott and sum Days after he give the Paper to me again and I Laid it in the house and Niver seen it since as for the Overseers Thare was none as I know as yet. But there was sum Tock [talk] that the Nighbourhood Did Chause Isaac Speer for Capt Bastion Been Lieutenant and Me for Ensign and had Tocked Soum of them to have Peter Grine for Capt. But there was no Sartinty for there was No oversears appointed for I Niver tought to hirt the Country. But Did it save our salves This is all Gentlemen that I Do Know about it that I can Declare.

"Aernout Viele.

"But this was Reported in our Nighbourhood that thare was fore Man against one in Albany that had Doun this tow of the had Comitys and our County Except one and John and Hary Livingston and Colonel Van Naula in Claverack."

In the "Calendar of New York Historical Documents," vol. i., p. 581 (Miscel. Papers, 36: 656) 1776, Richard Esselstyn, Major of the Independent Company, of Claverack, writes of a "Skirmish at Taghkanick": "On Friday last a Scrimmage happened near Tachkanick 2 Horses kiled of ours, of the Tories Nicolas Brasie, Jur. wounded and a few Prisoners taken. In the Evening of the Same Day a Partey of ours came up to the house of Isaac Spoor in Taghkanick where they found several Torys whoe opposed our men on which a fireing Inseued. our Party took

several prisoners and wounded one Nicolas Brasie Senijo on Satterday Col Hogeboom with a Party of about 2 men fell in with a party of about 100 Torys near Tach kanick at the House of George Weler where a smart firein happened. The Col was obliged to Retrete with the los of one horse killed, of the torys one John Lyck mortil Wounded whoe died the next day; the Cole being Rein forced went In persute of the Torys overtock them at th Long Laik [lake] about Sik mils from [17] Harmen Bas [Best] and thair fell upon them kiled of the torys Jame Dacker wounded one Finckel and took 15 Prisonars of tha Party the next Day Sunday we took another toare an took two more of said Party. We hope to be able to giv a fuller and better account of them in a few Days.

(Signed) "RICHARD ESSELSTYN, Major."

From a fragment of an ancient book, containing journal of the "Committee of Safety," in the Revolutionar War, we find the following regulations, which were in tended to provide against surprise by the Tories: "Articl for Regulating the Night Watch in the Manor of Livingsto to commence 27th September, 1776, and to continu whenever thought proper, according to a resolve of th Committee. 'Art. 1. That the Guard for every Nigh consist of twelve men exclusive of the officer. 2. Tha the Guard shall muster at Eight o'clock P.M. at the Guar House. 3. That the Guards shall take the first Gran Rounds at 9 o'clock precisely. 4. That the Guard b dismissed by 5 o'clock A.M. 5. That the officer of th Guard station two men at the house of Dirck Jansen, an two men at the house of [17] Harme Best, which men sha be relieved every $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. 6. That the Officer sha take the Grand Rounds, with the Eight remaining Me every $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. 7. That when any person is seen, th Guard to Challenge them three times distinctly, and if n answer is returned, or attempts to run, the Guard to hav

full liberty to fire. 8. That when any person is taken by the Guard, to be detained there until the Officer of the Guard comes up, when if he can't produce a certificate, or give satisfaction to the officer, to be detained till morning and then brought to the Chairman of the Committee. 9. That every Centinel that is found sleeping, to be put under Guard, till morning, and brought to the Chairman of the Committee. 10. That every Officer or private Man that Refuses or Neglects to serve, to be dealt with according to the Resolutions of the Provincial Congress for Regulating the Night Watch. 11. That every Man is to Mount Guard in person, unless prevented by sickness. 12. That no man is Excused from serving by being from home; he is to procure a Man for his Night, otherwise to pay the fine.' 'Resolved that the Night Watch to be kept from Dirck Jansen's to [17] Harme Best's, shall consist of eighty four men, which number is to be divided in seven subdivisions.' 'Resolved That twelve men be the Guard for a Night, exclusive of the Officer.' 'Resolved. That the Night Watch to be kept at Samuel Ten Broeck's shall consist of twenty eight men, which number is to be divided in seven subdivisions.' "

In the year 1781, a bounty of "Land Rights," so called (a "Right" being 500 acres of land), was offered to officers and men for two regiments then to be raised, for the defence of the State. To a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, and Major, four rights; to a Captain and a Surgeon, three rights; to a Lieutenant, Ensign, or Surgeon's Mate, two rights; and to a non-commissioned officer or private, one right. Any master or mistress who should deliver an able-bodied slave to serve, one right. By an Act of the Provincial Congress, dated Apr. 1, 1778, each militia regiment was divided into "classes" of fifteen men each; when soldiers were needed to recruit the line regiments, each class must, within nine days, furnish a man fully armed

and equipped. In case they neglected so to do, the desig nated class proceeded, at once, to draft one of the numbe by lot. By an Act of Mch. 11, 1780, every regiment wa again divided into classes, this time of thirty-five men eacl and when soldiers were required as before, these classe were also called upon to furnish a man as before, and i case of a failure so to do within fifteen days, were fined sum equal to double the amount of the highest bount which had then been given. This fine was collected b distress and sale of goods and chattels of those refusing t pay, or, if not possessed of property, they were committe to "joil" (*sic*) "without bail or manprize" until the sur was paid. If a class furnished a man as the law required it received a money bounty, sometimes as much as £8(As the war progressed and the needs of the governmer became more pressing, land "Rights" were added to th money bounty; and on Mch. 23, 1782, an Act was passe providing that any class or any person who furnishe an able-bodied man to serve "for three years or durin the war" should be entitled to 600 acres; or 350 acres fo a two-year enlistment; and any person or class wh should deliver a man within twenty days from the tim of the notification, 200 acres extra. The usual form o a "Class Right" to a land bounty was this: "We, th subscribers belonging to Class in Tenth Regimer of Albany County Militia do hereby transfer and assig to of the Precinct of Rhinebeck, in Albany Count and State of New York, yeoman, and to his heirs an assigns forever, all our right and title to the annexe certificate and gratuity or bounty of 200 acres of land t which we are entitled by reason of an Act entitled, 'A Act for raising troops to complete the line of this State i the service of the United States, and the two regiment to be raised on bounties of unappropriated lands and fo the further defence of the frontier of this State,' passe the 23rd day of March, 1782." Among the militiame

who signed the "Class Right" shortly before the end of the war, who were ready to serve, and some of whom saw actual service in the war, were (64) George Best, (47) George J. Best, (17) Harman Best, (57) Henry Best, (16) Johannes Best.

XVIII

18 JACOB, son of (13) Jacob Best, m. about 1760, Annatje Tact, of Marble-Towne, Ulster Co., and had:

66 Elizabeth, b. ; m. Hendrick Smitt (Smith).

67 JOHANNES J., bp., at Johnstown, Aug. 9, 1761. Spons., Johannes Tact, and wife, Elizabeth Ruyter; m. Christina Ham; d. May 10, 1835.

68 ANNETIE, bp. July 22, 1764, at Albany.

69 MARGARITA, bp. Feb. 9, 1767, at Albany.

70 CATHERINE, bp. ; m. John G. Rossman.

71 PETRUS J., bp. Sept. 24, 1774, at Churchtown; m. Elizabeth Minklaer; d. 1850.

72 JACOB, b. ; m. Margaret Fingar; d. 1861.

73 BENJAMIN, bp. Feb. 16, 1785, at Churchtown.

Jacob Best resided on a farm in the northern part of Albany County (now Rensselaer), on the east side of the Hudson River, south of Schodack, and about three miles from the river. "Doc. Hist. of New York," vol. iii., p. 917 (Map of Rensselaer Manor). He married a daughter of Johannes Tact and Elizabet Ruyter. He saw service in the Revolution. He was first a member of Capt. Richard Esselstyn's Company of "regiment of foot," which was organized in Rensselaer Manor, prior to the Revolution, and is supposed to have seen service, of a sort, in the war.

"Archives of the State of New York," vol. i., p. 268. Was commissioned Ensign, Oct. 20, 1775; chosen Lieutenant, Feb. 25, 1778, 8th Regt., 3rd Co., Albany County Militia, 1st Claverack Battalion, for the Manor, Col. Robert Van Rensselaer, Capt. John Bartel. He was, also, a member of the 5th Regt. (Land Bounty Rights). "N. Y. in the Revo.," p. 226. He was one of the signers of the Viele Petition.

XLVII

47 JURY (George) J., son of (16) Johannes Best; m. Marytje Hooft, and had:

74 PETRUS, bp. Mch. 20, 1763. Spons., Pieter Ham and wife, Cathrina Louwrie.

George J. Best was one of those who signed the Viele Petition. "Cal. of N. Y. Hist. Doc.," vol. ii., p. 192.

XLIX

49 JOHANNES, son of (16) Johannes Best; m. Dec. 14, 1772 (see Tucker's "New York Marriages before 1784," and "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, 1639–1801"), Margaret Musich (Mesick), daughter of Hendrick Mesick and Catherine Dederick. She was b. Mch. 12, 1756; d. Oct. 5, 1831; and had the following:

75 JOHN J., b. July 10, 1773; m. Margaret (Mary) Lape; d. Apr. 19, 1863, aged 90 years.

76 CATHERINE, b. Apr. 22; bp. May 6, 1775. Spons. Henrich Musig, and wife, Catharina Dederick; m. 1st, Teunis Becker; 2nd, Robert Ames; d. Aug. 18, 1838.

77 PETER I., b. July 25; bp. Sept. 7, 1777, at Claverack. Spons., Petrus Miesig, Christina Maul; m. Maria Becker; d. Jan. 26, 1846.

78 HENRY J., b. Dec. 24, 1780; bp. Jan. 28, 1781, at Claverack. Spons., Hendrick Miesig, Catherine Miesig; m. Maria Finger; d. Oct. 18, 1866.

79 JACOB W., b. May 8; bp. June 22, 1783, at Claverack. Spons., Jacob Decker, Catrina Decker (Best); d. Mch. 11, 1876. Single.

80 EPHRAIM, b. Oct. 2; bp. Nov. 6, 1785, at Claverack. Spons., Johannes Kels, Elisabeth Everson; m. (153) Mary Best, daughter of (67) Johannes J. Best and Christina Ham; d. Dec. 20, 1871.

81 DAVID, b. Aug. 18; bp. Sept. 23, 1787, at Claverack. Spons., George Best, Maria Miesig; m. Margaret Lape; d. Aug. 19, 1856.

82 ABRAHAM, b. Jan. 21; bp. Apr. 4, 1790, at Claverack. Spons., Petrus Herder, Sarah Miesich; m. Harriet Van Deusen; d. July 1, 1871.

83 SARAH, b. Apr. 21; bp. May 6, 1792, at Claverack. Spons., Peter Herder, Sarah Mussick; m. William Murray; d. Oct. 1, 1874.

84 JEREMIAH J., b. July 25, 1794; m. Phebe Kipp; d. Oct. 11, 1874.

John Best, Jr., and Margaret Mesick, his wife, are buried at Johnstown, in the town of Livingston, directly in the rear of the old Dutch Church. The stones marking the graves are in excellent state of preservation. They resided in 1790 in Livingston Manor, in the northwestern part and north of Johnstown, near Glenco Mills ("Doc. Hist. of N. Y.," vol. iii., p. 835, map), in the house built by his father (16) Johannes. The Best and Mesick houses were within "gunshot" distance, and the farms adjoined each other. John Best, Jr., served with distinction in the Revolutionary War. Was first a member of the Independent Company, Albany County Militia, Capt. Petrus van Gaasbeck, probably attached to the 17th Regt., Col. Wm. B. Whiting.

"N. Y. in the Revo." p. 133. Ensign, and, afterwards, Lieutenant, in 6th Co., same Militia, Capt. Jacob F. Shaver, 10th Regt., Manor of Livingston, Col. Peter R. Livingston. Commissioned Lieutenant, Oct. 20, 1775. Reappointed Lieutenant, May 28, 1778. In the Record and Pension Office, War Dept., Wash., appears the name of John Best, Jr., on a receipt roll, dated, at Manor of Livingston, Mch. 13, 1785, with remark, showing that he received £12. 14s. 3p. for services in that organization (Col. Livingston's Regt.), which was in service from 1777 to 1781. As a Lieutenant of the Manor, his chief duty was to raise troops and forward supplies to the Continental Army. While in charge of troops, upon a foraging expedition, he was captured; and, as was often the case, in the despatches of those times, a mistake as to his rank was made, as appears in a letter from Col. Armand, of the Partisan Corps, to Gen. Washington, at Headquarters (Newburgh?), which speaks of "Capt. Best," officer of the Pulaski Legion, prisoner of war, who is to be exchanged, of Count de Graff; and a second letter, from the same to the same, says that the exchange was made at Charlotteville, Va., Jan. 28, 1782. "The New York Historical Society Collections," pp. 326–329, pub. 1878. That such a mistake was made is evident from a letter from the Record and Pension Office, War Dept., Wash., which says: "Nothing has been found on the rolls, on file in this office, to show that a person named Best served as a *captain* [the underscoring is mine] in any military organization during the war of the Revolution." Everts and Ensign, in their "History of Columbia County," at page 256, mention "Capt. Best," but give no details of his services. The fact that there is no record of a Capt. Best, together with local tradition, valuable in a way, leads me to conclude that the Capt. Best above referred to was, in all probability, Lieutenant John Best, Jr.

The records of the Dutch Church, at Linlithgo, show that he was Elder, and Deacon, from Apr. 8, 1779, to June

1, 1790. "On Aug. 8, 1779, when James Van Deusen was Elder, and [49] Johannes Best, Jr., Deacon, the Consistory promised Rev. Dr. John Livingston, if he would remain with them, 243 schepels of corn, and £40. 5s. 6p. in cash and sufficient wood. They had promised him 675 schepels of corn but could not get enough subscriptions." Retiring Elder, 1807. Deacon, Aug. 31, 1809. Elder, May, 1811. In 1797, paid to the Church Fund, £13. 5s. 6p. On May 25, Aug. 11, and Dec. 8, of that year, paid certain sums to the Fund. As auctioneer of church pews, Jan. 13, 1816, he announces: "that next Monday, a fortnight, be the time for selling and renting the pews, at 10 o'clock, A.M." (80) Ephraim, his son, was appointed Clerk of the Sale. He occupied pew No. 12, with his son (77) Peter J. (*deese sitte int gemeen*). (80) Ephraim, his son, occupied pew No. 10, in this church. In 1808, John Best, Jr., was found by the Road Commissioners in Road District No. 2, on the "Road leading from the Clermont line, and so past Philip Rockefeller's [who married (53) Anna, his sister] store, to the cross-road to Josiah Nash."

The will of John Best, Jr., is dated 1820. In it, he describes himself as "Yoeman," of the town of Livingston; mentions his wife, Margaret, and sons, John, Peter, Henry, Jacob, Ephraim, David, Abraham, and Jeremiah, and daughter, Sarah Murray; and appoints Frederick Hauser, and sons, Peter and John Best, Executors.

Hendrick Mesick, the father of Margaret Mesick, who married John Best, Jr., was a son of Ffitz Muzigh (Mesick), who came from Germany, about 1719, landed at Germantown, and settled in the northern part of Livingston Manor, on Claverack Creek, near Glenco Mills, on a life-leased farm of 230 acres of land, now (1889) owned by David Proper. His son, Hendrick, was born 1715, and died Apr. 3, 1809, aged 95 years. He married Catherine Dederick, who died Dec. 20, 1792. Her tombstone, in the Claverack Cemetery, bears the following inscription: "In memory of Catherine

Mesick, wife of Hendrick Mesick, who died Dec. 20, 1792." Hendrick Mesick lived on the old homestead, of which he had a joint-lease, with his father, until his death. There he was buried, but his remains, as well as those of his wife, were re-interred in the cemetery of the old Dutch Church at Claverack. Elected Deacon of the Linlithgo Reformed Dutch Church, Aug. 15, 1741; Elder, and member of the Consistory, from Aug. 15, 1741, to Apr. 19, 1775. Was commissioned Lieutenant, 6th Company, Regt. of Militia, for Livingston Manor, by Cadwalader Colden, Jan. 25, 1764 (Mesick Genealogy). Was a member of "Regiment of Foot," organized in the Manor, prior to the Revolution, under command of Capt. William van Alstyn. In the records of the Dutch Church at Kingston, we find the notice of his marriage: "Hendrick Musick, j. m. and Catherine Diederick, j. d. both resid. in the Co. of Albanie married on the presentation of a license, Sept. 19, 1748, by Domine Geor. Wilhelm Mancius."

In the baptismal register of the Manor Church, at Livingston, we find various spellings of Mesick, showing the possibilities of phonetic spelling, and some of the difficulties encountered by the searcher of old church records. We have, Musig, Musick, Misick, Mysic, Musie, Miesig, Mussick, Mussich, Miesick, Mussig, Missig, Mujigh; and there are, undoubtedly, many other variations.

The will of Hendrick Mesick was in the possession of Harriet Mesick Elsefer, a great-granddaughter, recently deceased. In it, he appoints John Best, Jr., his son-in-law, and Johannes Young, his brother-in-law, Executors.

(79) Jacob W. Best achieved distinction in the War of 1812, rising through the grades to the rank of Captain. After the close of the war he accepted a position in a banking house, in Wall St., N. Y. City. After a few years he was advanced to the head of the firm, which he conducted successfully up to the time of his death, in the 93rd year

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of his age. From papers in the possession of (292) Mrs. Cornelia C. De Groff, of Newark, N. J., to which the author has had access, and from other authorities, to which references are made, we obtain some knowledge of the military career of Jacob W. Best. In the first paper, over the signature and seal of Gov. Daniel D. Tompkins, affixed June 5, 1811, and passed at the office of Secretary Elisha Jenkins, June 13, 1811, we find him appointed and constituted as Ensign of a company in the regiment of militia, in the county of Albany, whereof Wm. Fryer, Esq., is Lieutenant-Colonel commandant. Again we find him, under date of Aug. 11, 1812, appointed by Gov. Tompkins, Lieutenant of a company in the 89th Regiment of the Infantry of the State. The third paper, which is quoted in full, is as follows: "The People of the State of New York, by the Grace of God, free and independent, To Jacob Best, Greeting; We, reposing especial trust and confidence, as well in your Patriotism, Conduct and Loyalty, as in your valor, and readiness to do us good and faithful service, *have* appointed and constituted, and by these presents *do* appoint and constitute you the said Jacob Best Captain of a Company in the 89th Regiment of Infantry of our said state, whereof Sebastian Visscher, Esquire, is Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant. *You* are therefore to take the said Company into your charge and care, as Captain thereof, and duly to exercise the Officers and Soldiers of that Company in arms, who are hereby commanded to obey you as their Captain, and you are also to observe and follow such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receive from our General and Commander in Chief of the Militia of our said State, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust reposed in you; and for so doing this shall be your commission, for and during our good pleasure, to be signified by our Council of Appointment. In Testimony Whereof, We have caused our Seal for Military Commis-

sions to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well-beloved, Daniel D. Tompkins, Esquire, Governor of our said State, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the same, by and with the advice and consent of our said Council of Appointment at our City of Albany, the second day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen and in the thirty-eighth Year of our Independence." (Signed) "Daniel D. Tompkins, Gov." Passed the Secretary's Office, the 18th day of April, 1814. (Signed) "J. Rutsen Van Rensselaer, Secretary." To which is attached the certificate of S. Visscher (initials undecipherable), city and county of Albany, that Jacob Best had taken and subscribed the oath required by law. Dated, at Albany May 12, 1814. Capt. Jacob W. Best served on a number of General Courts Martial, the full record of which may be found in the "List of Ct. Martials," at the Adjutant General's Office at Albany, and in the "Military Papers of Daniel D. Tompkins, Governor, 1807–1817," pages 706, 709, 740. One of the Orders appointing a General Court Martial is as follows: "Adjutant General's Office 3d M.D., New York, Nov. 20, 1814. G. O.: A General Court Martial composed of the following officers of General Haight's Brigade will sit at or near his Encampment for the trial of such Officers and Prisoners of the Brigade as may be brought before it. President, Lt. Col. Moses I. Cantine. Members, Major, John Tush, Major, Isaac Du Bois, Capt. John Martin, Capt. Jacob Best, Capt. Conrad I. Van Gaasbeck, Capt. Ichabod L. Judson, Lieut. David R. Hobby, Lieut. Peter H. Spicer. Supernumeraries Capt'n. Benjamin Van Bentheusen, Lieut. Ira Jenkins Adjutant, Moses Aller, Judge Advocate. By Order [signed] John R. Fenwick, Adjt. Gen'l." A Brigade Order addressed to the Encampment, at Brooklyn, Nov. 28 1814, is as follows: "Capt. Best, his officers and men having performed their tour of duty, are hereby honorably dis

charged from the service. The Commanding General cannot omit embracing the present opportunity of expressing to Capt. Best and his officers his approbation of their conduct while under his command. The subordination and orderly deportment of their men are evinced not only by their improvement in military discipline, but in the accurate return which has been made of the arms and accoutrements entrusted to their hands. The General wishes them health and happiness, and bids them farewell." "By order of Gen. Haight, [signed] Theo. V. U. Varick, A. D. O."

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50 ELIZABETH, daughter of (16) Johannes Best; m. Jacob Power, and had:

85 MARGARET, b. Mch. 19; bp. Apr. 16, 1780. Spons., Johannes Best, and wife, Margaret Best.

86 FRANCIS, b. Oct. 26; bp. Nov. 28, 1787. Spons., Francis Bartel, Christina Schmitt. Both bp. at Claverack Dutch Church.

LII

52 WILHELMUS, son of (16) Johannes Best; m. Mary Platnaar, daughter of Mark Platnaar, Sr., of Johnstown, and had:

87 WILLIAM W., b.

88 JACOB W., b. Dec. 20, 1788; bp. Jan. 18, 1789. Spons., Marcus Platner, Jr., Catherine Best.

89 POLLY, b. ; m. Clark.

90 SOPHIA, b.

91 CATHERINE, b. ; m. Henry P. Clum.

92 HELEN, b. ; m. Philip H. Mink.

93 HENRY, b.

94 ELIZABETH, b.
95 JOHN W., b.
96 MARTIN C., b.
97 RICHARD, b. Apr. 4; bp. May 4, 1800. Spons., Reuben Bartel, Elizabeth Best.

William Best owned a large farm, on the road leading from Blue Store southward to Elizaville, in 1790. He was assessed to work 8 days, in 1803, in Road District No. 14, from the Blue Store to Thomas Swarts' store. He saw service in the Revolution. Was a member of the Independent Co., Albany County Militia, Captain Petrus van Gaasbeck. "N. Y. in the Revo.," p. 133. He served, also, in the 6th Company, 10th Regiment, Col. Peter R. Livingston.

His son, (95) John W., was Lieutenant of Company No. 2, of "Minute Men," of the second ward of the City of Hudson, formed in December, 1844, and called the "Law and Order Association," which was subject to the call of the Sheriff of the county for the suppression of the "Anti-Renters."

In the will of William Best recorded 1829, he mentions his children, William W., Jacob W., Polly Clark, Sophia Best, Catherine Clum, Helen Mink, Elizabeth Best, John W., and Martin C.; and appoints his son Henry, daughter Elizabeth, and friend Jacob H. Best, Executors.

XCI

91 CATHERINE, daughter of (52) Wilhelmus Best; m. 1802, Henry P. Clum, b. 1777; d. 1853. Resided Stockport, N. Y., and had:

98 WILLIAM H., b. 1813. Enlisted at Stockport, June 24, 1861, in Co. G., 30th Regt. Was killed at Upton Hill, Va., Oct. 15, 1861.

XCII

92 HELEN (Lany), daughter of (52) Wilhelmus Best, m. Philip H. Mink.

Philip H. Mink was Supervisor of the town of Gallatin, in 1803. He kept store, and conducted a saw-mill, constructed for him by the Livingstons, under a life lease. Upon the organization of the Town of Gallatin, he was elected Overseer of the Poor. He and his brother, Henry P., were the first residents of Snyderville, afterwards called "Mink Hollow."

It is deemed unnecessary to trace, in detail, the line of all the children of (52) Wilhelmus Best. Sufficient has been given to allow his descendants to trace their line of descent.

LIII

53 ANNA, daughter of (16) Johannes Best; m. Feb. 11, 1787, at Claverack, Philip Rockefeller, and had:

99 CATHERINE, b. Apr. 5; bp. Apr. 21, 1799. Spons., John Minklaar, Elizabeth Best.

The will of Philip Rockefeller, registered May 12, 1834, refers to his wife, Anna, but does not mention his child; probably dead.

LIV

54 JACOB, son of (16) Johannes Best; m. July 14, 1769 (Banns), at Johnstown, Elizabeth (Eva) Smith. Both residents thereof. Issue:

100 HELEN, b. May 16; bp. June 26, 1777; m. William H. Feller.

101 LEVI, b.

102 EVA, b. Sept. 12, 1780; bp. Feb. 4, 1781, a
Claverack. Spons., Hendrick Blatner, Eva
Best (sister).
103 MARGARET, b. . Single, in 1849.
104 JOHANNIS, b. Oct. 16, 1785; bp. June 10, 1786.
105 HENDRICK, b. Oct. 24, 1791; d. 1878.

Jacob Best resided on a large farm, in the town o
Milan, a few miles southeast of Pine Plains, then known
as "Little Nine Partners Patent." He, afterwards, moved
to Pine Plains, and became the owner, in large part, of Lo
46, of Little Nine Partners, as shown in the various deeds
of conveyance, of record in the Clerk's Office of Dutchess
County. One of the deeds shows that (67) Johannes J
was part owner of said Lot, and, with his wife, Christina
conveyed his interest therein. "Deed Books 30, 31." The
will of (104) Hendrick was executed June 25, 1863, and
is of record in the office of the Surrogate of Dutchess
County.

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101 LEVI, son of (54) Jacob Best; m. Angelica
. Resided in the town of Pine Plains. Issue:

105A ANGELICA, b. ; m. George M. Belden.

Levi Best resided on the farm formerly owned by his
father (54) Jacob, situate about one mile and a half west
of the village of Pine Plains, which, with the farm owned
by Robert Ham, comprised, for the most part, Lot 46,
of the "Little Nine Partners Patent," which consisted
of 1200 acres of land. The first purchasers of Lot 46 were
Martin Ham and John Houghtaling, who were, also,
partners in the Patent. The farm is now known as the
"Jacob Ham farm." "History of Little Nine Partners,"
Hunting.

We find, too, that Levi Best subscribed $20 for the purchase of an organ at the Presbyterian Church, at Pine Plains, in 1835. A local History tells us that Levi Best, and his sister (103) Margaret were, in 1849, members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at North Germantown, which had been connected with the West Taghkanick Circuit. By deed, dated Apr. 1, 1842, Jacob H. Best, and wife, Christina, conveyed to (101) Levi Best, 151 acres of land, in Lot 46, in L. N. P., where he resided until his death.

LVI

56 CATHERINE, daughter of (16) Johannes Best; m. Elias Young, and had:

106 JOHANNES, b. July 8; bp. Aug. 5, 1792. Spons., Johannes Young, and wife, Annatje Diederick.

LVIII

58 PETER, son of (16) Johannes Best; m. 1778, (60) Christina Best, daughter of (17) Harmanus Best. Issue:

107 MARGARET, b. July 1; bp. Aug. 1, 1779. Spons., Johannes Best, and wife, Margaret Mesick; m. Abraham J. Fonda.

108 MAGDALENA, b. May 24; bp. June 25, 1785.

Peter Best took part in the Revolutionary War. Was a Lieutenant in Capt. Leonard Ten Broeck's Company, Albany County Militia, 10th Regt., Manor of Livingston, Col. Peter R. Livingston. Appointed, May 28, 1778. "N. Y. in the Revo.," p. 270. Also a member of the Independent Co., same Militia, Capt. Petrus van Gaasbeck. "N. Y. in the Revo.," p. 133. He was Constable of Livingston Manor. There is a receipt, dated Jan. 18,

1776, signed by Thomas Colden, Sheriff of Ulster County, directed to (58) Peter Best, Constable of Livingston Manor, for writs for the election of Representatives. "Cal. of N. Y., Hist. Manuscripts," vol. c., p. 835.

CVII

107 MARGARET, daughter of (58) Peter Best; m. Abraham J. Fonda, and had:

109 HARRIET, b. July 27; bp. Sept. 17, 1796. Spons., Henry Botts, Elizabeth Best.

110 MARIA, b. Apr. 20; bp. June 10, 1798. Spons., John Shafer, Maria Schmit.

LIX

59 CATRIEN, daughter of (17) Harmanus Best; m. Nov. 5, 1765 (Banns), at Johnstown, Jacob Decker. Issue:

111 JACOB, bp. Aug. 10, 1766. Spons., Jacob Decker, and wife, Marytje Vosburg.

112 EVA, bp. Mch. 20, 1768. Spons., Johannes Best, and wife, Eva Lounart.

113 MARYTJE, bp. Sept. 17, 1769. Spons., Charles McCarthy, and wife, Dorothea Decker.

114 JOHANNES, bp. June 2, 1771. Spons., Johannes Best, Annatje Best.

115 ELIZABETH, b. July 24; bp. Aug. 1, 1779. Spons., Jacob Power, Elizabeth Power.

116 DOROTHY, b. Dec. 26, 1782; bp. Jan. 16, 1783. Spons., Johannes Wiest, Barbara Wiest.

Jacob Decker was one of the signers of the Viele Petition ("Doc. Hist. of N. Y.," vol. ii., p. 192); served in the Revolution as a member of the 10th Regt., Albany County Militia (Land Bounty Rights), Capt. Conrad Cline. Town

Clerk of Livingston, 1802. Town Clerk of Taghkanick, 1803–1816.

LXI

61 MAGDALENA, daughter of (17) Harmanus Best; m. David Batz (Potts), at Claverack, and had:

117 ANNA, b. Apr. 3; bp. Apr. 28, 1782. Spons., Seth Tobie, Hannah Best.

118 PETRUS, b. Nov.; bp. Dec. 30, 1787. Spons., Petrus Schofe, Barbara Batz.

119 CHARLES VINCENT, b. June 6; bp. July 1, 1792. Spons., Charles Vincent, Polly Blattner.

120 WILHELMUS, b. Aug. 2; bp. Aug. 24, 1794. Spons., Willem Batz, Christina Batz.

121 MARIA } b. July 16; bp. Aug. 21, 1796.
122 ELIZABETH } Spons., Ludwig Batz, Maria Decker.

LXII

62 JACOB HARMAN, son of (17) Harmanus Best; m. 1786, Eva Minklaer, b. Aug. 12, 1765; d. Dec. 27, 1837. Issue:

123 ANNA, b. Oct. 15; bp. Nov. 18, 1792. Spons., Seth Toby, Anna Best.

124 MARGARETHA LIVINGSTON, b. June 27; bp. July 15, 1799. Spons., Robert T. Livingston, Mary T. Livingston; m. Feb. 11, 1816, John I. Petre.

125 JACOB, b. ; d. 1829; m. Mary Pender.

126 JAMES, b. Mch. 14, 1805; d. Feb. 26, 1869; m., 1st, Hannah Minklaer; m., 2nd, Amanda Bullock; m., 3rd., Christina Plass.

Jacob Harman Best was a Lieutenant in the State Militia, in 1793. He resided on the homestead occupied

by his parents at their decease, which was situated about two miles northwest from Johnstown. He was found by the Road Commissioners in Road District No. 21, from the Manor Mills to the Claverack line, 1803, and was assessed to work 8 days.

CXXV

125 JACOB, son of (62) Jacob Harman Best; m. Oct 25, 1821, at Claverack, Mary Pender. Issue:

127 HERMAN, b.

CXXVI

126 JAMES, son of (62) Jacob Harman Best; m., 1st Hannah Minklaer, b. 1802; d. May 15, 1846 in the 44th year of her age. Issue:

128 EUGENE, b.
129 CLERMONT LIVINGSTON, b. Apr. 25, 1824; m 1st, Sarah Utley; m. 2nd, Mary Tooker; d Apr. 7, 1897.
130 SARAH AGNES, b. Dec. 13, 1842.

M., 2nd, Amanda Bullock, b. Dec. 1, 1821; d. Dec. 15 1860, and had:

131 ROBERT, b. ; m., 1st, Mary G. Hermans m., 2nd, Emma———.
132 JAMES R., bp. Sept. 2, 1859; m.
133 ANNA, bp. Sept. 2, 1859; m. Edward Dexter

M. 3rd, Christina Plass, and had:

134 WILLARD, bp. July 14, 1867.

CXXIX

129 CLERMONT LIVINGSTON, son of (126) James Best; m., 1st, 1847, Sarah Utley, daughter of Ralph

COL. CLERMONT L. BEST

and Sarah Utley, of Hudson, N. Y. She was b. 1824; d. Mch. 1883. Issue:

135 CLERMONT LIVINGSTON, b. Mch. 29, 1849; m. Laura Corbitt.

M., 2nd, Sept. 29, 1884, Mary Tooker, daughter of Joseph G. Tooker, of N. Y. City. She was b. at Newport, R. I. He d. Apr. 13, 1902. Issue:

136 ANNA TOOKER, b. 1886; m.

Mrs. Clermont L. Best resided, in 1900, at No. 56 East 67th St., N. Y. City, after the death of her husband. The war record of Colonel Best may be summarized as follows:

Colonel Clermont L. Best, a hero of many wars, passed away on Wednesday night, April 7, 1897, at his home in New York City, after a week's illness, of heart disease. He was, then, on the retired list of the United States Army. Colonel Best was the son of James Best, a former Hudsonian, and was born in the village of Livingston, in Columbia County, on April 26, 1824. On July 1, 1842, he entered the West Point Military Academy, from which he graduated on July 1, 1847. He was brevetted 2nd Lieutenant on the date of his leaving the Academy. He was made a 1st Lieutenant of the 4th Artillery on Sept. 12, 1850; served in the Seminole War, in Florida, in '50, '56, and '57; was on frontier duty in quelling the disturbances in Kansas, in '57 and '58; and in the Utah expedition, in '58. He served, during the Civil War, in the Shenandoah Valley, and in Maryland; and was made Captain of the 4th Artillery, on April 29, 1861. He was in the northern Virginia campaign, in '61 and '62; was chief of the 5th Army Corps, which was in the battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9, '62, and the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, '62. He took part in the Rappahannock campaign, from Dec., '62 to June, '63, and was in the battle of Chancellorsville, on May 2–3, '63, where he was brevetted Major for

gallant and meritorious services. He took part in th struggle at Gettysburg, on July 1–3, 1863, and was ther brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel, for gallantry. At the clos of the war was brevetted Colonel, for good conduct an gallantry during the Rebellion. He was made Major o the 1st Artillery, in '67; Lieutenant-Colonel, in '83; and wa retired from active service, as Colonel of the 4th Unite States Artillery, on April 25, 1888. Colonel Best is sur vived by his widow, Mary, daughter of the late Josep G. Tooker, of New York, and her daughter; also by hi son, Major Clermont L. Best, of the 1st Artillery, who wa born of the Colonel's first wife, Sarah, daughter of the lat Ralph Utley, of Hudson, New York. The funeral occurre at his residence, in New York City, and the interment too place in the Hudson Cemetery, with appropriate ceremonies

CXXXV

135 CLERMONT LIVINGSTON, son of (129) Cler mont Livingston Best; m. Jan. 14, 1886, in San Francisco Cal., Laura Corbitt, daughter of William Corbitt, and had

137 LAURA, b. 1887.

A newspaper clipping gives this notice of the death o Major Best:

"Major Clermont L. Best, second in command of Fortres Monroe, Va., was stricken with apoplexy, while at dinner Tuesday night, April 13, at Newport News, Va., an died without regaining consciousness. He had been a the Fort about two years. He leaves a widow and daugh ter. Major Best was born in Hudson, N. Y., being the so of Colonel Best, who lies under the tallest granite shaf in the Hudson cemetery. Major Best was a cousin of th Misses Clara and Sarah Clark, and Mrs. Robert M. Terry of this city [Hudson]. He graduated from the Wes Point Military Academy, in 1874. His wife was a Sa

MAJOR CLERMONT L. BEST, JR.

Francisco woman, Miss Laura Corbitt. He was buried at the National Cemetery, 'Arlington,' Wash., D. C."

CXXXI

131 ROBERT, son of (126) James Best; m., 1st, 1852, Mary G. Hermans, b. June 24, 1833; d. July 16, 1853; m., 2nd, Emma , b. Apr. 15, 1837; d. Apr. 23, 1858, at Kingston. Buried at Hudson.

CXXXII

132 JAMES R., son of (126) James Best; m. . Issue:

138 WALLACE, b. ; m.
139 CLARA, b.

LXIII

63 ANNA, daughter of (17) Harmanus Best; m. Seth Tobey.

Seth Tobey died in 1816. Was licensed to keep an Inn, in 1786, in Hudson. In his will, recorded July 13, 1816, he gave to his wife, Anna, a lot of land, "situate in that part of my orchard, in the City of Hudson, used for a family burying ground," to be maintained as such; and appoints (62) Jacob H. Best as one of his Executors.

LXIV

64 GEORGE, son of (17) Harmanus Best; m. Jan. 25, 1773, Marytje Mesick, at Johnstown, and had:

140 ELIZABETH, bp. July 20, 1775. Spons., Herman Best, and wife, Maria Elizabeth Rörich; m. Feb. 1, 1794, Marks Platner, Jr.
141 MARIA, b. Dec. 18, 1779; bp. Jan. 1, 1780. Spons., Mynder van de Bogert, Sarah Missig (Mesick).

142 HENDRICK, b. Jan. 21; bp. Feb. 17, 1782. Spons., Seth Tobie, Annatje Best.

George Best was one of the Executors of the will of (16) Johannes Best.

LXV

65 ELIZABETH, daughter of (17) Harmanus Best; m. Martin T. Cooper. Issue:

143 JACOB, b. Oct. 30; bp. Nov. 15, 1789. Spons., Jacob Best, and wife, Eva Best.

144 JOHN, b. Oct. 5; bp. Oct. 30, 1791. Spons., Jno. Cooper, Rachel Ham.

145 THOMAS BROADHEAD, b. Feb. 15; bp. Mch. 10, 1793. Spons., Thomas Broadhead, Maria Curtis.

Martin T. Cooper was Supervisor from the town of Clermont, in 1793, being the 2nd Supervisor elected after the organization of the town. Enlisted from Greenport, Sept., 1864, for three years, being then far beyond the age limit. In the will of Elizabeth Cooper, registered Jan. 28, 1867, she appoints Jacob Cooper, of Hudson, brother-in-law, Executor, and Trustee to children, unmarried.

LXVI

66 ELIZABETH, daughter of (18) Jacob Best; m. Hendrick Smith. Issue:

146 HENDRICK, b. Dec. 31, 1780; bp. Jan. 28, 1781. Spons., parents.

147 JACOB, b. Mch. 30; bp. May 2, 1784. Spons., Jacob Ham, Lenah Ham.

148 JEREMY, b. Nov. 26; bp. Dec. 25, 1790. Spons., Martinus Cooper, Elizabeth Best.

LXVII

67 JOHANNES J., son of (18) Jacob Best; m. Nov. 7, 1780, Christina Ham (Banns), both of Johnstown. She was b. Dec. 10, 1759; d. Dec. 3, 1846. Issue:

149 JACOB, b. Apr. 7; bp. May 6, 1781. Spons., Jacob Best, Eva Best; d. Apr. 11, 1861.

150 MARGARITTA, b. Mch. ; bp. Apr. 13, 1783. Spons., Fyt Rossman, Anna Rossman; d. buried Churchtown; m. Peter I. Rossman.

151 JOHANNES, bp. Aug. 31, 1785. Spons., Jacob Fingar, Marytje Plass; d. Jan. 24, 1844; m. Elizabeth Sedam.

152 JEREMIAH, b. June 17, 1788; d. Feb. 5, 1876; m. Margaret Miller.

153 MARYTJE, b. Oct. 3; bp. Nov. 1790. Spons., Wilhelmus Best, Marytje Platnar; m. Feb. 5, 1809, (80) Ephraim Best, son of (49) John Best, Jr., and Margaret Mesick; d. Sept. 26, 1869.

154 LENA, b. June 13; bp. July 17, 1796. Spons., Jacob Ham, Lena Best; d. 1862; m. Michael Horton.

155 ROBERT, b. Jan. 1, 1799; d. Dec. 3, 1890; m. Anna Maria Hallenbeck.

156 CATHERINE, b. ; d. ; m. John W. Clapper.

Johannes J. Best was retiring Elder of the Johnstown Dutch Church, in 1807. Elder, again, May, 1811. The marriage record reads: "Johannes J. Best j. m. born in Livingston, in the 'Mannor of Livingstond' and Christina Ham, j. d. born in Livingston, and both residing in the 'Mannor of Livingstond,' married on the presentation of a Certificate that 3 sabbath publications had been made without objection in the Church of the 'Mannor Living-

stond' Nov. 7, 1780." The military history of John J. Best, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, as appears from his application for pension on file in the Bureau of Pensions, Department of War, Wash., D. C., is as follows: In 1776, he served 9 months in the ranks, Capt. Petrus van Gaasbeck, Col. Livingston. In April, 1777, he enlisted for 6 months, Capt. Henry Pulver, Col. Hay. He again saw service, in 1779, for 3 months, under Capt. Leonard Ten Broeck. His application also states that he saw service for 2 months in each year, 1779, '80, '81; the names of the officers in command not being stated. He resided during his lifetime on the farm now known as the Diblee Farm in the town of Taghkanick; and was among the earliest settlers in the western part of the town, which was, then, within the boundaries of Livingston Manor. He was one of the petitioners to the Legislature, "demanding an investigation into the Livingston Title." "Doc. Hist. of N. Y.," O'Callaghan, vol. iii., p. 839.

LXX

70 CATHERINE, daughter of (18) Jacob Best; m. John G. Rossman, and had the following:

157 GEORGE, b. Nov. 25, 1808. Spons., bp., Hannah Best.

158 JACOB, b. Jan. 19, 1811. Spons., bp., Jacob H. Best, Eva Minklaer.

159 MARGARET, b. Jan. 7, 1815; m. Henry S. Van Etten.

160 WILLIAM, b.

161 SUSAN, b. ; m. Reuben F. Lapham.

162 EVE, b. ; m. Samuel Jeremiah Lape.

163 ANN, b. ; m. Samuel Shutts.

164 MARY, b. ; m. Edward Stickles.

165 JAMES, b.

John G. Rossman resided in the town of Livingston, where his son (165) James was living in 1900. In the Minutes of the Consistory of the Johnstown Church, dated May 4, 1831, we find the following: "Resolved that the Note due the Consistory from Mencries Livingston be collected and that John G. Rossman and . . . be a committee for that purpose."

CLIX

159 MARGARET, daughter of (70) Catherine Rossman; m. Henry S. Van Etten, and had:

166 SARAH, b. ; m. Henry Smith.

CLXII

162 EVE, daughter of (70) Catherine Rossman; m. Samuel Jeremiah Lape; b., at Churchtown, Jan. 28, 1816; son of Thomas J. Lape and Lena Miller, and nephew of Margaret Lape, who married (75) John J. Best; d. before 1870.

CLXIII

163 ANN, daughter of (70) Catherine Rossman; m. Samuel Shutts, b. Mch. 19, 1828, and had:

167 HENRY, b.

Samuel Shutts resided at Livingston. He was Supervisor for 2 terms; Assessor, 9 years; Superintendent of Poor, 3 years; Justice of Peace, 12 years. He died in 1907. He enlisted for the Civil War, at Claverack, Aug. 15, 1862, 128th Regt., Co. G. He was one of the first directors of the Livingston Mutual Ins. Co., organized 1848; and its secretary from 1867 to 1898.

LXXI

71 PETRUS J., son of (18) Jacob Best; m. Elizabeth Minklaer. Issue:

168 HENRY, b. July 2; bp. July 20, 1800. Spons., Peter A. Decker, Catherine Rossman; m. Hicks; d. 1850.

CLXVIII

168 HENRY, son of (71) Petrus J. Best; m. Hicks, and had:

169 HENRY, b. ; m. Isabelle Hood.
170 HERBERT, b. ; m. Anna Waltermire.

LXXII

72 JACOB, son of (18) Jacob Best; m. 180? Margaret Fingar, b. Jan. 8, 1784; d. Feb. 24, 1875. Issue:

171 TUNIS, b. Apr. 29, 1805; d. Mch. 22, 1880; m. Lovina Doane.
172 ELIZA, b. Apr. 13, 1807. Spons. to bp., John J. Best, Christina Best; d. Aug., 1888; m. Daniel Sherwood.
173 ALEXANDER, b. Nov. 4, 1808; d. Apr. 1876; single.
174 MARY, b. May 17, 1810; d. ; m. Carlostin Sanford Smith.
175 THOMAS J., b. Apr. 26, 1812; d. 1869; m. Apr. 27, 1833, Catherine A. Plumb, of Hudson. She d. 1895. Both buried at Gallatinville.
176 JOHN M., b. Mch. 25, 1814; d. May 1, 1896; m. 1st, Harriet Tanner; m. 2nd, Caroline Vosburgh.
177 RICHARD, b. Jan. 22, 1816; d. Oct. 7, 1819.

178 REUBEN, b. Feb. 1, 1818; d. ; m. Sylvina Booth.

179 HELEN, b. May 27, 1819; d. Mch. 15, 1848; single.

180 ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 24, 1821; d. July 24, 1839; single.

181 CHRISTINA, b. June 5, 1823; living (1900); m. Mch. 30, 1876, Lyman Morehouse. He d. Apr. 20, 1876; no issue.

182 MARGARET ANN, b. Jan. 18, 1825; d. Dec. 24, 1872; m. Lyman Morehouse.

Jacob Best resided in the town of Milan, Dutchess Co., on a large farm. In his will, dated Mch. 24, 1854, and probated 1861, he appointed his sons (171) Tunis, (173) Alexander, (175) Thomas J., Executors. (173) Alexander resided in the town of Milan. Was a prosperous farmer; and, for some years, represented the town in the Board of Supervisors. At a special town meeting held at the house of Ambrose L. Smith, in the town of Milan, Little Nine Partners, Aug. 9, 1864, (173) Alexander Best was appointed one of the Committee of three, under the following resolutions: "Resolved, That the Supervisor of the Town shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the said town sufficient to pay to volunteers to fill the quota of the town under the call of the president for 500,000 men." "Resolved, That to every man who shall volunteer and be mustered in the United States service for the term of three years shall be paid, as a town bounty, the sum of $500." "Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to draw the money upon the order of the Supervisor to pay to those men who are drafted; and to every man that is drafted under this present call shall be paid, as a bounty from this town, the sum of $400." "Resolved, That every man who is liable to a draft, and not taxable, shall pay to the Committee appointed the sum of $25,

on or before the 25 of August, 1864." "Resolved, That any person who shall enlist for one year, or two, shall receive the same as a drafted man, $400; and that the Supervisor in procuring men for the quota shall have the power to pay to all enlisted by him for one year the sum of $400."

CLXXI

171 TUNIS, son of (72) Jacob Best; m. Jan. 19, 1832, at Claverack, Lovina Doane, dau. of Ezra Doane, of Milan; b. May 11, 1813; d. Dec. 31, 1892. Issue:

183 FRANCES E., b. Mch. 29, 1833; d. Mch. 1, 1885; m. Nelson Hallenbeck, at Johnstown, by Rev. Duzenberry. No issue.
184 EDWARD ALEXANDER, b. May 5, 1834; m. Elizabeth Sharp.
185 EZRA D., b. May 18, 1836; single.
186 JANE M., b. June 16, 1839; d. Mch. 24, 1898; m. Horatio E. Moore.
187 LAVINA T., b. Dec. 19, 1844; m. Charles Miller.
188 ARTHUR A., b. June 10, 1851; d. July 29, 1871. Single.

Tunis Best resided in the town of Livingston.

CLXXII

172 ELIZA, daughter of (72) Jacob Best; m. Dec. 30, 1824, Daniel Sherwood, and had:

189 WALTER, b. Dec. 3, 1825; d. Oct. 11, 1829.
190 EMILY, b. Mch. 12, 1828; d. Aug. 31, 1859; m. Esek Smith. No issue.
191 STERLING, b. Jan. 26, 1830; d. June 13, 1839.
192 HARMON B., b. Mch. 10, 1832; m. Charity Sherwood. No issue. Resides Milan.

193 ELLEN, b. Apr. 19, 1834; m. Walter Herrick, M.D.

194 HARRIET ELIZA, b. May 22, 1836; m. Morgan Lamoree. No issue. Resides Stattsburgh, N. Y.

195 RUTH A., b. July 24, 1838; m. Martin L. Kilmer. No issue. Resides Jackson Corners, N. Y.

196 MARY L., b. Sept. 3, 1841; d. Apr. 7, 1860. Single.

197 DANIEL S., b. Mch. 24, 1844; d. June 11, 1899; m. (209) Harriet Best, daughter of (176) John M. Best.

Daniel Sherwood resided at Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

CLXXIV

174 MARY, daughter of (72) Jacob Best; m. Carlostin Sanford Smith. Both buried at Gallatinville. Issue:

198 MARY C., b. ; single.

199 HELEN I., b. ; single.

200 ALEXANDER J., b. ; single.

201 THOMAS I., b. ; single.

202 ANNA E., b. ; m. William A. Chapman.

Carlostin S. Smith enlisted, at Clermont, Nov. 12, 1862, Co. I., 159th Regt. Resided at Gallatinville, N. Y.

CCII

202 ANNA E., daughter of (174) Mary Smith; m. Apr. 15, 1863, William A. Chapman. Issue:

203 FLORENCE M., b.

204 ANNETTE, b.

205 MARY L., b. ; m. George B. Powell.

William A. Chapman enlisted, at Stockport, Oct. 1862, Co. G., 90th Regt. Served until the close of the war.

CCV

205 MARY L., daughter of (202) Anna E. Chapman; m., 189 , George B. Powell, and had:

206 WAYNE CHAPMAN, b.

CLXXVI

176 JOHN M., son of (72) Jacob Best; m., 1st, 1839, at Churchtown, Harriet Tanner. She d. Nov. 4, 1844. Issue:

207 JULIA, b. Apl. 29, 1841; d. Nov. 2, 1896.
208 JOSEPHINE, b. 1842; d. 1844.
209 HARRIET, b. Oct. 20, 1844; d. Dec. 12, 1886; m. (197) Daniel S. Sherwood.

M. 2nd, Feb. 12, 1846, Caroline Vosburgh. She was b. Nov. 13, 1821; d. June 16, 1881. Issue:

210 FRED. M., b. Sept. 3, 1847; m. at Livingston, Mch. 4, 1879, Elizabeth Anna Dawson, b., at Springfield, Ohio, May 30, 1853. Resides Barre, Orleans Co., N. Y. No issue.
211 MARY E., b. Apr. 13, 1857; d. Feb. 13, 1858.
212 GEORGE E., b. Apr. 10, 1861; m., at Brockport, Monroe Co., N. Y., Nov. 14, 1883, Cora E. Benedict. Resides Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y. No issue.

John M. Best, after his marriage to Harriet Tanner, removed from Milan, Dutchess Co., to a farm situated about one mile north of Johnstown, in Columbia Co., where he resided five years. After the death of his first wife, and remarriage, he removed to Barre, Orleans Co., N. Y.,

and purchased the farm he occupied at the time of his death.

CCIX

209 HARRIET, daughter of (176) John M. Best; m. Oct. 20, 1875, (197) Daniel S. Sherwood. Resides Pine Plains, N. Y. Issue:

213 FRED. A., b. Aug. 26, 1877; m. Lena May Stickles.

214 CHRISTINA RUTH, b. May 3, 1886.

CCXIII

213 FRED. A., son of (209) Harriet Sherwood; m. Oct. 12, 1898, Lena May Stickles, daughter of Henry H. Stickles and Helena Weaver, of Jackson Corners, N. Y. Issue:

215 HENRY DANIEL, b. June 9, 1900.

Fred. A. Sherwood resides Pine Plains, N. Y.

CXCIII

193 ELLEN, daughter of (172) Eliza Sherwood; m. Walter Herrick, M.D., of Rhinebeck, N. Y., and had:

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CLXXVIII

178 REUBEN, son of (72) Jacob Best; m. at Presbyterian Church, Pine Plains, 184 , Sylvina Booth. Issue:

218 ALBERT, b. Oct. 22, 1843; d. Apr. 21, 1900; m. Estelle Starr.

219 HARRIET B., b. Aug. 25, 1844; m. John Piester.
220 LEONARD H., b. July 18, 1847; m. Mary Whitcomb.
221 JOSEPHINE, b. Oct. 5, 184 ; d. 186 . Single.

Reuben Best resided at Pine Plains, N. Y.

CCXVIII

218 ALBERT, son of (178) Reuben Best; m. Feb. 21, 1866, Estelle Starr, and had:

222 BERTHA, b. Mch. 1, 1867; m. Samuel McConnell.
223 CLARA, b. Oct. 3, 1868. Single.
224 ALBERT STARR, b. Apr. 25, 1870; m. Apr. 18, 1895, Marjorie Ayres. Resides No. 10 East 130th St., N. Y. City. No issue.
225 RALPH WESTERVELT, b. Apr. 6, 1873.
226 HATTIE ESTELLE, b. Aug. 8, 1876; d. June 11, 1891.

The *New York Herald*, of April 23, 1900, contained the following account of the death of Albert Best, which occurred April 21 inst.: "Albert Best, senior member of the firm of Best & Co., of West Twenty-third Street, died suddenly of heart disease Saturday afternoon in Mount Vernon while on a bicycle trip through Westchester County with friends.

"He was a great lover of the wheel and when the weather and business cares would permit used to leave his home, No. 15 West 121st Street, and take a spin on his bicycle through the Park and along the roads in the upper part of the city.

"He invited several friends to go with him after lunch Saturday on a trip through the lower end of Westchester

County. He planned to stop at the house of a friend in Mount Vernon and then return home.

"He rode with his accustomed vigor until the party approached Mount Vernon, when he began to experience pains in his stomach. He spoke to several members of the party about it.

"When they reached Mount Vernon the pain had become acute and he got off the bicycle. His face grew pale and his companions took him to the home of a friend, where in spite of medical skill he expired in three hours.

"Albert Starr Best and Ralph Westervelt Best, sons of Mr. Best, are members of the Seventh Regiment, and were at Croton with the Regiment. They were immediately notified of the death of their father and returned to the city yesterday on a leave of absence.

"The death of Mr. Best removes from the world a philanthropist whose charities, covering all creeds and races, will never be adequately known. He was born in October, 1843, at Pine Plains. When sixteen years old he came to the city and entered the employ of A. T. Stewart as a clerk, remaining there five years. When he was twenty-one years old he went to Newark, N. J., and entered business for himself, opening a drygoods store, which he continued for eighteen years with much success. Then he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., where he conducted a furniture store four years. Then he came to this city and started with a store in Sixth Avenue, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third Streets. Ten years ago, the business having grown to large proportions, the firm went to its present location, in Twenty-third Street.

"Three daughters, two sons and a widow survive him. The latter was Miss Estelle Starr, daughter of John Starr, a merchant. Mr. Best was a member of the Harlem Club, Aldine Club, and Second Collegiate Reformed Church of Harlem."

CCXXII

222 BERTHA, daughter of (218) Albert Best; m. Jan. 17, 1884, Samuel McConnell, and had:

227 DONALD, b. Nov., 1889; d. Apr., 1900.
228 ALBERT BEST, b. Apr. 17, 1896.

CCXIX

219 LEONARD H., son of (178) Reuben Best; m. Sept., 1872, Mary Whitcomb. Resides East Orange, N. J. Issue:

229 IDA ANNETTE, b. Nov. 1, 1873.

Leonard H. Best is a manufacturer. Factory, No. 144–150 Orange St., Cor. High St., Newark, N. J. Office, No. 17 East 46th St., N. Y. City.

CCXX

220 HARRIET B., daughter of (178) Reuben Best; m. Feb. 18, 1869, John Piester, b. Sept. 5, 1840; d. May 22, 1872. Resides No. 14 East 125th St., N. Y. City. Issue:

230 LIZZIE B., b. Feb. 24, 1870.

CLXXXII

182 MARGARET ANN, daughter of (72) Jacob Best; m. Nov. 12, 1851, Lyman Morehouse, b. Mch. 6, 1820; d. Apr. 20, 1876. Issue:

231 CYRUS F., b. Aug. 6, 1858; m. Florence Story. No issue. Resides Rock City, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Was Supervisor, 1900.

CLXXXIV

184 EDWARD ALEXANDER, son of (171) Tunis Best; m. Jan. 29, 1863, Elizabeth Sharp, daughter of John Sharp, of Claverack; b. June 21, 1835. Issue:

232 FRANK, b. Dec. 29, 1863; m. Ettie Miller.
233 BERTHA, b. Aug. 20, 1875; d. Dec. 21, 1876.

Edward A. Best resides in the southern part of the town of Claverack; is a leading agriculturist; and has been a member of the town Board of Assessors, and a school trustee.

CCXXXII

232 FRANK, son of (184) Edward A. Best; m. June 10, 1886, Ettie Miller, of Humphreyville, and had:

234 ARCHLAND, b. Oct. 21, 1887.
235 EDWARD A., b. Mch. 23, 1889.

CLXXXVI

186 JANE M., daughter of (171) Tunis Best; m. Oct. 25, 1850, Horatio E. Moore, b. Aug. 25, 1831; d. Mch. 24, 1898, and had:

236 HERBERT W., b. Jan. 15, 1864; m. June 3, 1889, Ione Buss, daughter of Frederick W. Buss, of Stockport; b. Apr. 23, 1869. No issue. Resides Waterbury, Conn.
237 CHARLES H., b. May 5, 1868; d. July 20, 1889. Single.

CLXXXVII

187 LAVINA T., daughter of (171) Tunis Best; m. Dec. 31, 1874, Charles Miller, b. Dec. 15, 1848, and had:

238 MARGARET BEST, b. Sept. 18, 1877.
239 JOHN CLARENCE, b. Aug. 5, 1879.
240 FRANCES L., b. Jan. 6, 1882.
241 DORA MAY, b. Apr. 24, 1886; d. Oct. 10, 1888.

Charles Miller resided at Livingston, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

LXXV

75 JOHN J., son of (49) Johannes Best; m. Jan. 26, 1800, at Stuyvesant, by Rev. Romeyn, Margaret (Mary) Lape; b. Dec. 10, 1779; d. Mch. 20, 1868, aged 89 years. She was a daughter of Thomas Lape and Maria Potts. Issue:

242 EVE, b. Mch. 21,; bp. Apr. 26, 1801; m. Jacob Tiel Ham; d. Apr. 10, 1869. Buried Stuyvesant Landing.
243 THOMAS, b. June 20, 1803; m. (315) Elizabeth Rossman; d. June 29, 1883. Buried Churchtown.
244 JOHN LOUNARD, b. Dec. 31, 1805; m. Maria Williams; d. at Schodack, Dec. 21, 1829. Buried Johnstown.
245 CATHERINE, b. Mch. 25; bp., at Claverack, May 1, 1808; m. Robert Nicholas Van Deusen; d. Dec. 1, 1876. Buried Stuyvesant Landing.
246 HENRY ALLAN, b. Dec. 20, 1810; bp., at Johnstown; m. Elizabeth P. Cutter; d. Nov. 1, 1884, aged 73 years. Buried Stuyvesant Landing.
246A MARY, b. Nov. 4; bp., at Churchtown, Nov. 28, 1813; m., 1st, Milton Peters; m., 2nd, Peter J. Hotaling; d. Dec. 4, 1878. Buried Stuyvesant Landing.
247 WILLIAM, b. May 2, 1816; m. Emeline Miller; d. May 14, 1873.

248 PETER, b. Sept. 30, 1819; m. Harriet Rockefeller; d. May 7, 1884. Buried Claverack.

249 JACOB, b. Feb. 3, 1823; m. Gertrude Nevius. He was living 1894.

John J. Best was Elder of the Reformed Dutch Church at Stuyvesant Landing, Dec. 10, 1830. In the Minutes of the Consistory of this church we notice that John J. Best is mentioned as the husband of Mary Best, which was probably her name, and, hence, has been placed in parentheses. It is hardly possible that two brothers should each marry a Margaret Lape. It is more likely that an error has been made in the Lape Genealogy. Thomas Lape had a daughter Mary; and I believe that it was Mary, not Margaret, who married John J. Best. Assuming that the former name is correct, the dates of her birth and death should be otherwise than as stated.

LXXVI

76 CATHERINE, daughter of (49) Johannes Best; m., 1st, Jan. 15, 1796, at Claverack, Teunis Becker. He d. Sept. 18, 1808. Issue:

250 MARGARET, b. May 2; bp. June 25, 1797. Spons., John Best, Margaret Mesick; m. William Reynolds.

251 CHRISTINA MARIA, b. Dec. 28, 1798; m. Jacob Shultus; d. Dec. 5, 1883.

252 PETER, b. Aug. 14, 1801; m. Harriet Acly; d. July 21, 1887.

253 CATHERINE, b. Nov. 15, 1803; m. Abraham Van Hoevenburg; d. Mch. 18, 1848.

254 MARY, b. Jan. 23, 1806; d. Oct. 1, 1807.

M., 2nd, Robert Ames. Issue:

255 CHENEY, b. Apr. 19, 1810; m. Jane Cole; d. Sept. 12, 1865.

256 MALINDA, b. Jan. 18, 1812; m. John Hogle.
257 MATILDA, b. Mch. 3, 1815; d. July 26, 1844. Single.
258 ALIDA, b. Jan. 9, 1818; m. Stephen Varley; d. May 23, 1890.
259 NORMAN C., b. May 12, 1820; m. Catherine Moore.

LXXVII

77 PETER I., son of (49) Johannes Best; m. at Claverack, Maria Becker, b. 1783; d. Nov. 17, 1864. Issue:

260 MARY, b. Nov. 12, 1801; m. John Dakin; d. Feb. 27, 1838.
261 CHRISTINA, b. Dec. 9, 1802; bp. Jan. 16, 1803; d. Aug. 7, 1860. Single.
262 JOHN MESICK, b. Sept. 25; bp. Nov. 23, 1806; m. Alida Vosburgh; d. Jan. 21, 1857.
263 EPHRAIM PETER, b. Feb. 4; bp. Mch. 13, 1810; m. Sophia Vosburgh; d. Feb. 9, 1884.

LXXVIII

78 HENRY J., son of (49) Johannes Best; m. at Claverack, Sept. 4, 1803, Maria (Polly) Finger, b. Mch. 1, 1782; d. Mch. 19, 1837, and had the following:

264 MARGARET, b. May 12, 1807; d. Sept. 8, 1827. Single.
265 HARMON, b. Dec. 22, 1808; d. Aug. 10, 1874; m. Sarah E. Groat.
266 JOHN, b. Nov. 1, 1810; d. July 3, 1896; m. Ann Maria Cooper.
267 SARAH M., b. Feb. 25, 1812; m. John C. Karner; d. Oct. 3, 1884.
268 ELEANOR C., b. Dec. 15, 1815; m. Philip J. Lown; d. July 18, 1884.

269 JACOB H., b. Nov. 12, 1822. Living (1900). M., 1st, Elizabeth Kimball; m., 2nd, Catherine Snyder; m., 3rd, Frances Amanda Reid.

Henry J. Best resided at Best, in Rensselaer County, which place was named after him.

LXXX

80 EPHRAIM, son of (49) Johannes Best; m. at Claverack, Feb. 5, 1809, (153) Mary Best, daughter of (67) Johannes J. Best and Christina Ham, and had:

270 MARGARET CHRISTINA, b. Jan. 25, 1811; m. Edward I. Eno; d. Oct., 1885.

271 ELI, b. Dec. 17, 1812; m. Catherine Harder; d. Nov. 19, 1869.

272 JAMES, b. Mch. 1, 1815; m. Mary A. Chubb; d. Jan., 1870.

273 JARED, b. Sept. 13, 1817; m. Malinda H. Paul; d. 190?.

274 RICHARD, b. Oct. 23, 1819; m. Eliza Wright; d.

275 JOHN ELI, b. Feb. 19, 1822; m. Maria H. Cook; d.

276 SARAH ANN, b. June 5, 1824; d. Mch. 18, 1895. Single.

277 EPHRAIM, b. Nov. 17, 1826; d. Sept. 1851. Single.

278 MARY, b. May 14, 1829. Single.

279 AMBROSE SPENCER, b. July 27, 1833; m. Amelia A. Reed.

Ephraim Best resided in the vicinity of Johnstown. From the Minutes of the Consistory of the Linlithgo Church we learn that he was elected Deacon of this church, Aug., 1810, and Elder, May, 1812. At a Consistory meeting of

this church, Sept. 11, 1811, at which were present Nicholas Van Deusen, Elder, and (80) Ephraim Best and (84) Jeremiah Best, Deacons, it was resolved to dedicate the new church "on the first Sabbath in November." He also held other offices in the church.

LXXXI

81 DAVID, son of (49) Johannes Best; m., at Churchtown, Margaret Lape, b. Dec. 8, 1792; d. Aug. 14, 1856. Both buried at Kinderhook. Issue:

280 CATHERINE ELIZA, b. May 20; bp. June 16, 1811; m. John B. Reynolds; d. Oct. 28, 1866.
281 JOHN JACOB, b. Sept. 26, 1814; d. Dec. 20, 1814.
282 JACOB L., b. July 25; bp. Sept. 17, 1815; m. Emma Angell; d. June 6, 1901.
283 MARGARET M., b. Nov. 7, 1817; bp. Feb. 15, 1818; m. Henry A. Hoysradt; d. Aug. 11, 1853.
284 JARIUS, b. Jan. 4; bp. Feb. 11, 1821; d. Dec. 13, 1863.
285 DAVID, b. Nov. 9, 1823; bp. Jan. 8, 1824; m. Ellen Fitzgerald.
286 LYDIA MARIA, b. Nov. 18, 1826; m. 1870, Ward Schermerhorn; d. Jan. 2, 1874. He d. Feb. 13, 1874. No issue.
287 EDMOND, b. May 15, 1830; d. Oct. 20, 1855. Single.
288 ELLEN, b. May 15, 1830; d. Nov. 18, 1839.
289 WILLIAM CUSHING, b. Oct. 10, 1833; m. Caroline Niver.

LXXXII

82 ABRAHAM, son of (49) Johannes Best; m. Apr. 10, 1814, at Claverack, by Rev. Richard Sluyter, Harriet Van Deusen, "Arianje V. D., 10 *den* April 1814 Zyn

Getrouwt," b. June 17, 1791; d. Nov. 24, 1859. Both bur. at Claverack. Issue:

290 CHRISTINA, b. Oct. 11; bp. Nov. 20, 1814; m. Richard T. Esmond.

291 MARGARET, b. Mch. 25, 1817; m. William Bigelow; d. Oct. 16, 1897.

292 CORNELIA CAROLINE, b. Mch. 27, 1819; m. Lewis De Groff.

293 JOHN JEREMIAH, b. July 20, 1821; m. (805) Martha M. Dakin; d. Nov. 1, 1896.

294 ABRAHAM, b. Sept. 15, 1823; m. Sarah Staats.

295 HENRY MESICK, b. Nov. 3, 1825; m. Sylvia Brockway.

296 ROBERT, b. May 26, 1828; m. Oct. 29, 1856, Alida Vischer; d. Oct. 11, 1894. No issue. Widow resides Vischer Ferry, N. Y.

297 SARAH CATHERINE, b. July 10, 1832; m. John Fellows.

LXXXIII

83 SARAH, daughter of (49) Johannes Best; m. Dec. 8, 1816, at Claverack, by Rev. Gebbard, William Murray, b. Feb. 28, 1783; d. Feb. 28, 1860. Both buried at Hillsdale. Issue:

298 JOHN B., b. May 5, 1817; d. Aug. 2, 1827.

299 MARTHA, b. Nov. 18, 1818; d. Dec. 29, 1818.

300 WILLIAM, b. Feb. 13, 1820; d. Nov. 23, 1824.

301 HENRY W., b. Nov. 29, 1821; m. Julia Weed; d. Sept. 20, 1873.

302 MARGARET M., b. Nov. 23, 1823; m. George Haywood.

303 MARTHA M., b. Nov. 28, 1825; m. Isaac B. Rogers; d. Jan. 4, 1866.

304 JACOB B., b. Dec. 17, 1827; m. Martha Wheeler; d. Aug. 24, 1880.

305 SARAH E., b. Oct. 25, 1829. Single.
306 WILLIAM, b. Sept. 22, 1831; m. Julia Dorr.
307 MARY, b. Apr. 28, 1835. Single.

William Murray was a prosperous merchant in the village of Copake, and one of its earliest settlers. In 1824, he was the first Supervisor of the town of Copake, when it was set off as a separate town; Supervisor, again, 1829–36; and Town Clerk of Taghkanick, 1821.

LXXXIV

84 JEREMIAH J., son of (49) Johannes Best; m. 1819, Phebe Kipp, daughter of Peter and Sarah Kipp, b. Jan. 1, 1800; d. Mch. 25, 1879. Both buried at Mechanicville, N. Y. Issue:

308 PETER KIPP, b. Aug. 28, 1821; bp. Feb. 3, 1822; m. Jane Esselstyn; d. Feb. 17, 1878.
309 SARAH ANN, b. Aug. 16; bp. Oct. 18, 1823; m. David P. Daniels; d. Nov. 4, 1896.
310 TRISTUM COFFIN, b. Oct. 18; bp. Dec. 13, 1824; d. July 21, 1825.
311 DELIA ELIZA, b. Apr. 1; bp. June 20, 1826; m. Levi Dakin.
312 TRISTRAM COFFIN, b. Dec. 27, 1829; bp. Feb. 22, 1830; m., 1st, Harriet Lamb; m., 2nd, Elizabeth Lamb; d. Apr. 20, 1890.
313 MARY JANE, b. Feb. 28; bp. June 12, 1834; m. John M. Whitman.
314 AMANDA EVELINE, b. Dec. 20, 1835; d. Mch. 6, 1836.

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150 MARGARITTA, daughter of (67) Johannes J. Best; m. at Claverack, by Rev. Gebbard, June 13, 1802,

Peter I. Rossman, b. Mch. 1, 1781. Both buried at Churchtown. Issue:

315 ELIZABETH, b. May 17, 1805; m. (243) Thomas Best; d. July 19, 1845.
316 SALLY ANN, b. 1806; d. Jan. 14, 1845. Single.
317 JOHN P., b. ; m. Sally Post; d.
318 CHRISTINA MARIA, b. ; m. Charles W. Hallis; d. 1852.
319 JULIA, b. Aug. 8; bp. Sept. 15, 1811, at Churchtown; m. John Rossman; d. June 4, 1854.
320 JANE BELINDA, b. Sept. 8; bp. at Churchtown, Oct. 1, 1815; d. . Single.
321 NELSON, b. July 12; bp., at Churchtown, Aug. 9, 1818; m. Sarah Ann Hakes; d. Feb. 2, 1854.

CLI

151 JOHANNES, son of (67) Johannes J. Best; m. Jan. 24, 1821, Elizabeth (Betsey) Sudam, b. Apr. 17, 1805; d. Mch. 9, 1878, and had:

322 ANNA CHRISTINA, b. Dec. 25, 1821; m. Robert Humphrey; d. June 27, 1843.
323 JANE FRANCES, b. Dec. 6, 1824; m. William J. Miller.
324 CHARLES SUDAM, b. Aug. 17, 1828; m. (370) Louisa Rossman, daughter of (317) John P. Rossman and Sally Post; m., 2nd, Mary Link.
325 SARAH ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 15, 1831; m. Feb. 26, 1849, Edward Miller; d. June 6, 1849.
326 JOHN BYRON, b. Mch. 18, 1836. Single.
327 MARY CATHERINE, b. Sept. 19, 1839; m. Jan. 17, 1861, J. J. Kipp. No issue; d. Dec. 17, 1890.

Johannes Best, or John J. Best, as he was more familiarly known, was a resident of the town of Taghkanick, and lived on the farm occupied by his father at the time of his death. He was an attendant of the Johnstown Dutch Church, and a pewholder, May 11, 1834. On Mch. 30, 1838, Elder John J. Best was appointed a "delegate to Classis, at ordinary session, to be held at Mt. Pleasant on last Tuesday of Apr. Next." As Elder he was also appointed delegate to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, "on the last Teusday of the month" (Oct. 21, 1839).

CLII

152 JEREMIAH, son of (67) Johannes J. Best; m. at Claverack, July 3, 1808, Margaret Miller, of Claverack, b. June 1, 1789; d. Dec. 14, 1873, in her 85th year. Issue:

328 JOHN ABRAHAM, b. Nov. 1; bp. Dec. 16, 1809; d. July 4, 1854.

329 ELIZABETH, b. April 18, 1811; m. John H. Smith; d. Jan., 1896.

330 CHRISTIANA, b. Mch. 3, 1813; d. May 21, 1894; m. Samuel Bachman.

331 STEPHEN E., b. July 23, 1815; d. Sept. 26, 1898. Single.

332 FREDERICK M., b. Sept. 29, 1817; m. Margaret Dunspaugh; d. Dec. 12, 1892.

333 GERTRUDE, b. Oct. 27, 1819; m. Baltus B. Van Slyke.

334 MARTIN, b. Apr. 28, 1821; m. Louisa Traver; d. Nov. 8, 1877.

335 LUCY, b. July 16, 1823; m. (584) Wilson Ham; d. June 15, 1872.

336 ANDREW K., b. Jan. 5, 1826; m. Emily Harrison; d. Sept., 1857.

337 MARGARET JANE, b. Dec. 29, 1828; m. Stephen H. Shutts; d. Oct. 13, 1883.

Jeremiah Best took part in the War of 1812; was commissioned Ensign, in the 15th Regt., April, 1814. Of the military organizations existing in Columbia County prior to the War of 1812, we obtain some idea from an old brigade order, signed by Joseph Lord, as Brigade-Major, and issued by command of Brig.-Gen. Samuel Ten Broeck, under date of Aug. 10, 1806, directing that a review and inspection of his brigade be held near the tavern of Jacob Moul, in Claverack, on the 2nd of September, in that year. The 15th Regiment, in which (152) Jeremiah Best was, afterwards, an Ensign, was one of the commands mentioned in the order. The said brigade was still under the command of Gen. Ten Broeck at the opening of the war. Jeremiah Best was a resident of the town of Taghkanick, and a communicant of the Dutch Church at Johnstown. He was elected Deacon, Apr. 18, 1813; a delegate to the Classis at Hopeville, Sept. 26, 1835, as an Elder; chosen Treasurer of the church, in place of John Van Deusen, resigned, Apr. 8, 1837; Elder, again, 1837; delegate to Classis, at Poughkeepsie, April 8, 1837; Secundus to Claverack, Oct. 12, 1846; delegate to Mellenville, in the same year. From the Minutes, we have the following: "Resolved that [152] Jeremiah Best and William Gardner be requested to act as a committee to collect funds to defray the expenses of the repairs of the church at Johnstown"; dated, May 4, 1831. On Sept. 3, 1830, Elder Robert I. Van Deusen was "appointed member of committee on Discipline," in place of (152) Jeremiah Best, whose term had expired. On Feb. 11, 1832, (152) Jeremiah Best and others "were appointed a Committee to sell a lot of land belonging to the church and to purchase another lot and to build a parsonage." Under date of Dec. 10, 1831, we find: "Resolved that the Consistory make application to the Legislature of the State of New York, at the approaching session, for permission to sell the lot belonging to the Reformed Dutch Church of Linkthgow [sic] for the purpose

of purchasing a parsonage and in case the petition is granted that the consistory proceed to sell the same." (152) Jeremiah Best and another were appointed a committee to draw up the request. On Aug. 20, 1836, we find him, again, on a "committee to carry into effect the repairing and making presentable the church." Three of his sons served in the Civil War. (331) Stephen E. enlisted at Hudson, Oct. 4, 1862, Co. I, 159th Regt. (334) Martin enlisted at Taghkanick, Co. G, same Regt. (332)Frederick M. enlisted at Taghkanick, at the same time, in same Co. and Regt. as his brother Martin.

CLIV

154 LENA, daughter of (67) Johannes J. Best; m. at Claverack, by Rev. Gebbard, Aug. 11, 1820, Michael Horton, son of Jacob and Grisella (Shutts) Horton, b. 1794, in Claverack; d. 1873, in Clyde, N. Y. Issue:

338 JACOB, b. Dec. 25, 1820; m. Desiah D. Dunspaugh; d. Oct. 10, 1900.
339 CHRISTINA, b. 1822; m. 1840, Thatcher De Golyer; d. 1845. No issue.
340 WILSON, b. 1829; m. Cornelia A. Chace.
341 MARY JANE, b. 1834. Single.
342 JOHN B., b. ; m. Ellen R. Smith.

Michael Horton resided at Clyde, N. Y., where he and his wife are buried.

CLV

155 ROBERT, son of (67) Johannes J. Best; m. at Claverack, Oct. 4, 1817, Anna Maria Hallenbeck, b. July 24, 1800; d. 1863. Resided at Livingston. Issue:

343 HARMON, b. Dec. 22, 1818; m. Margaret Hicks.
344 MILTON, b. Apr. 3, 1820; m. Ann Melius.

345 MARY CORNELIA b. Oct. 27, 1821; m. Robert Rockefeller.

346 ROBERT, b. Mch. 23, 1823.

347 WALTER, b. Mch. 25, 1826; m. Jane Elizabeth Sharp.

348 ELIZABETH CHRISTINA, b. Sept. 15, 1828; m. Edward A. Weaver.

349 HENRY EDGAR, b. Apr. 26, 1831; m. Catherine Maria Smith.

350 ANNA MARIA, b. Feb. 3, 1833; m. ( ) Henry Best, son of ( ) Walter Best and Rhoda Smith.

351 MARGARET MILLER, b. Mch. 5, 1836; m. Rensselaer Rote.

352 JOHN EMMET, b. Mch. 27, 1838; m. Catherine A. Holsapple.

353 HELEN, b. Feb. 19, 1841; m. Robert Munkuttrick.

354 CHARLES MONROE, b. Nov. 22, 1842; m. Charlotte Ann Kells.

CLVI

156 CATHERINE, daughter of (67) Johannes J. Best; m. John W. Clapper. Resided Clyde, Wayne Co., N. Y. Issue:

355 GEORGE P., b. ; m. . Resides Wolcott, N. Y.

356 JOHN WILLIAM, b. Mch. 13; bp. Apr. 30, 1815. Spons., John J. Best, Christina Ham.

357 LOVINA, b. June 16; bp. July 6, 1817. Spons., Robert Best, Lena Best.

358 CHRISTINA MARIA, b. Aug. 12; bp. Oct. 3, 1819. Spons., Maria Clapper.

359 ELIZABETH ANN, b. Aug. 12; bp. Sept. 16, 1821. Spons., Parents.

360 PETER JACOB, b. Feb. 11; bp. Mch. 28, 1824. Spons., Parents.

361 MARGARET, b. June 24; bp. Aug. 13, 1826. Spons., Parents.

John W. Clapper resided at Clyde, where, and at Wolcott, most of his descendants may be found.

CCCXV

315 ELIZABETH, daughter of (150) Margaritta Rossman; m. (243) Thomas Best, son of (75) John J. Best, and Margaret (Mary) Lape, by Rev. E. Holmes, at Churchtown, May 21, 1829. Issue:

362 CORDELIA, b. May 2, 1831; d. Aug. 27, 1849. Single. Buried, Churchtown.

363 JOHN FRANKLIN, b. Mch. 12; bp. Nov. 17, 1833; m. Jan. 19, 1860, Mary Jane Decker. No issue. Resides Churchtown. Enlisted Aug. 15, 1862, at Hudson, in 128th Regt., Co. G.

364 MARY CHRISTINA, b. May 28, 1837; m. 186?, Cornelius Bathrick; d. Nov. 15, 1871. Buried Churchtown.

365 EDGAR ALLEN, b. Apr. 25, 1840. Single. Resides Churchtown.

366 MILTON PETERS, b. Nov. 19, 1842; m. Catherine Teats. No issue. Resides Germantown. Enlisted at Hudson, Nov. 4, 1862, in 12th Cal., Co. C.

Thomas Best served as Supervisor 1845, 1848–49; Highway Commissioner.

CCCLXIV

364 MARY CHRISTINA, daughter of (315) Elizabeth Best; m. 186 , Cornelius Bathrick, b. Jan. 9, 1841. Issue:

367 BYRON, d. y.

CCCXVII

317 JOHN P., son of (150) Margaritta Rossman; m. by Rev. Richard Sluyter, Aug. 10, 1823, Sally Post, at Claverack. Issue:

368 GERTRUDE, b.
369 CHARLES, b. ; m. Becker.
370 LOUISA, b. ; m. (324) Charles Sudam Best, son of (151) Johannes Best and Elizabeth Sudam; d. 185 .
371 ELIZABETH, b. ; m. Walter Decker.

John P. Rossman served in the Civil War. Enlisted at Ancram, Sept. 8, 1863.

CCCXVIII

318 CHRISTINA MARIA, daughter of (150) Margaritta Rossman; m. Charles W. Hallis. Issue:

372 ROSSMAN, b. 1840. Single.
373 JANE, b. Feb. 16, 1842. Single.
374 MARGARET ANN, b. Jan. 19, 1844; m. Norman Lewis Niver.

CCCLXXIV

374 MARGARET ANN, daughter of (318) Christina Maria Hallis; m. June 1, 1864, Norman Lewis Niver, b. Mch. 14, 1844. Issue:

375 FLORENCE CLAUDINE, b. Oct. 27, 1867; d. Sept. 9, 1875.
376 BERENICE HALLIS, b. June 6, 1873.

Norman L. Niver resides at No. 779 Lexington Ave., N. Y. City.

CCCXIX

319 JULIA, daughter of (150) Margaritta Rossman; m. at Churchtown, 1840, John Rossman. He d. Mch. 29, 1901. Issue:

377 ELLIOT, b. d. y.
378 SARAH, b. Dec. 24, 1845. Resides N. Y. City. Single.
379 ELITHEA, b. Dec. 13, 1847; m. Sydney Blakeman.

CCCLXXIX

379 ELITHEA, daughter of (319) Julia Rossman; m. Nov. 7, 1866, Sydney Blakeman, and had:

380 MAY, b. Sept. 21, 1867; m. Elmer H. Havens.
381 EUGENE, b. June 11, 1869. Single.
382 JESSAMINE, b. Dec. 3, 1878.

Sydney Blakeman resides at No. 466 Western Ave., Albany, N. Y.

CCCLXXX

380 MAY, daughter of (379) Elithea Blakeman; m. Sept. 29, 1886, Elmer H. Havens, and had:

383 CARRY A., b. June 23, 1888.
384 ELMER, b. Jan. 31, 1889.
385 SYDNEY, b. Feb. 17, 1891.

Elmer H. Havens resides Albany, N. Y.

CCCXXI

321 NELSON, son of (150) Margaritta Rossman; m. at Johnstown, Sept., 1836, Sarah Ann Hakes, b. July 11, 1820, and had:

386 VIRGINIA ANN, b. d. y.
387 CORNELIA JANE, b. d. y.
388 PETER I., b. d. y.
389 EVE ANNA, b. Mch. 31, 1852; m. Frank C. Lockwood.
390 MARY EMMA, b. Jan. 1853; d. 1855.

CCCLXXXIX

389 EVE ANNA, daughter of (321) Nelson Rossman; m. June 19, 1878, Frank C. Lockwood, b. Apr. 4, 1851, and had:

391 FRANK CARLTON, b. Mch. 13, 1882.
392 SARAH ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 26, 1883.

CCCLXIX

369 CHARLES, son of (317) John P. Rossman; m. Becker, and had:

393 CHARLES, b.
394 JOHN, b.
395 MARGARET, b.

CCCLXX

370 LOUISA, daughter of (317) John P. Rossman; m. (324) Charles Sudam Best, son of (151) Johannes Best and Elizabeth Sudam, Dec. 28, 1848, and had.:

396 JOHN I., b. May 18, 1850; m. Elnora Cardin.
397 PETER FRANKLIN, b. May 16, 1854. Single.

CCCXCVI

396 JOHN I., son of (370) Louisa Best; m. Oct. 17, 1877, Elnora Cardin, and had:

398 CHARLES, b. Sept. 15, 1883.
399 WILLIAM, b. Oct. 30, 1886.
400 ARTHUR, b. Aug. 9, 1893; d. Apr. 9, 1895.

CCCLXXI

371 ELIZABETH, daughter of (317) John P. Rossman; m. Walter Decker, and had:

401 ALLAN, b. ; m. Rowe. Resides Red Hook, N. Y.
402 ELMER, b. ; m. Harder.
403 LORA, b. ; m. William Stickles.

Walter Decker resided Livingston, N. Y.

CCCCII

402 ELMER, son of (371) Elizabeth Decker; m. Harder, and had:

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Elmer Decker resides Mellenville, N. Y.

CCCCIII

403 LORA, daughter of (371) Elizabeth Decker; m. William Stickles, and had:

406 GRACE, b.

William Stickles resides Glenco, N. Y.

CCCXXIII

323 JANE FRANCES, daughter of (151) Johannes Best; m. Sept. 17, 1844, William J. Miller, son of Andries S. Miller, b. July 7, 1816; d. Apr. 11, 1900, and had:

407 KATHERINE M., b. Oct. 1, 1847; m. Jan. 19, 1887, Isaac N. Collier, son of Philip and Christina Collier, b. Oct. 19, 1834. Resides Hudson, N. Y.
408 SARAH, b. Nov. 30, 1849.

William J. Miller was a prominent manufacturer, and, for many years, a member of the firm of Hunt and Miller, Stove Works, Hudson, N. Y.

CCCXXII

322 ANNA CHRISTINA, daughter of (151) Johannes Best; m. Dec. 20, 1838, Robert Humphrey, and had:

409 JOHN, b. Oct. 27, 1842; d. y.

CCCXXIV

324 CHARLES SUDAM, son of (151) Johannes Best; m , 1st, (370) Louisa Rossman, daughter of (317) John P. Rossman (see under family No. 370); m., 2nd, June, 1859, Mary Link, and had:

410 WILLIAM J., b. Nov. 10, 1860; d. Oct. 5, 1868.
411 BYRON, b. Dec. 19, 1862; d. Jan. 20, 1863.

Charles S. Best resides at No. 173 Remsen St., Cohoes, N. Y.

CCCXXIX

329 ELIZABETH, daughter of (152) Jeremiah Best; m. July 3, 1829, John H. Smith, and had:

412 LEONARD, b. 1835; m. Ann Knickerbocker; d. Jan. 10, 1901.
413 ROBERT I., b. Aug. 4, 1836; m. Sarah L. Kells; d. July 12, 1886.
414 HENRY, b. Jan. 16, 1837; m. Christina Jennings; d. July 27, 1899.
415 MARTIN, b. 1839. Single.
416 MARY, b. 1841; m. George Palmer.
417 MARGARET, b. 1843; m. Cornelius Ham.
418 EMMA, b. 1845; m. Jasper Smith.

419 CHRISTINA, b. 1847. Single.
420 EDWARD, b. July 11, 1849; m. Ella Rowe.
421 STEPHEN, b. Mch. 22, 1851; m. Jan. 9, 1878, Ann Maria Marshall, b. July 26, 1856. No issue. Resides No. 385 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.

John H. Smith resided at West Taghkanic. Enlisted, at Greenport, Aug. 10, 1862, 128th Regt., Co. K. Died, May, 1863, at Salisbury Prison, of starvation. His son, (415) Martin, enlisted, at Claverack, Aug. 13, 1862, 128th Regt., Co. G; and was promoted to Sergeant for meritorious services.

CCCCXII

412 HENRY, son of (329) Elizabeth Smith; m. Feb. 1861, Christina Jennings, b. Aug. 7, 1841, and had:

422 EMMA, b. Jan. 6, 1863; m. Jan. 3, 1880, Moore.
423 CURTIS, b. Nov. 3, 1867; m. Emma Becker.
424 MARY, b. Jan. 23, 1875. Single.

Henry Smith enlisted at Ancram, in the 6th Cavalry, 1862.

CCCCXXII

422 CURTIS, son of (412) Henry Smith; m. May 5, 1897, Emma Becker, b. Aug. 17, 1873, and had:

425 LAURA, b. Sept. 27, 1898.

Curtis Smith resides North Germantown, N. Y.

CCCCXIII

413 LEONARD, son of (329) Elizabeth Smith; m. Ann Knickerbocker, and had:

426 FRANK, b. Apr. 24, 1869. Single.

Leonard Smith enlisted, Sept. 28, 1862, 159th Regt., Co. C. Resided at Hudson, N. Y.

CCCCXIV

414 ROBERT I., son of (329) Elizabeth Smith; m. Oct. 19, 1865, Sarah L. Kells, b. Feb. 25, 1832. Issue:

427 MAUD, b. Aug. 16, 1867; m. J. Willard Sluyter, Apr. 12, 1893.
428 ARTHUR EUGENE, b. June, 1870; d. July 29, 1871.
429 LENA, b. May 19, 1872; m. William Redick.

CCCCXXIX

429 LENA, daughter of (414) Robert I. Smith; m. Mch. 26, 1896, William Redick, and had:

430 LAWRENCE, b. Mch. 20, 1897.
431 ROBERT STANTON, b. June, 1899.

CCCCXVI

416 MARY, daughter of (329) Elizabeth Smith; m. George Palmer. Issue.:

432 GEORGE, b.

George Palmer was Town Clerk of Hillsdale, 1855. Resided West Taghkanic, N. Y.

CCCCXVII

417 MARGARET, daughter of (329) Elizabeth Smith; m. Cornelius Ham, son of Peter T. Ham and Mary (Wentworth) Ham. Issue:

433 EMMA, b. ; single.
434 ELIZABETH, b. ; m. Oct. 11, 1900, Alva Decker.

CCCCXVIII

418 EMMA, daughter of (329) Elizabeth Smith; m. Jasper Smith. Issue:

435 AGNES, b.

Jasper Smith resides West Taghkanic, N. Y.

CCCCXX

420 EDWARD, son of (329) Elizabeth Smith; m. Sept. 29, 1875, Ella Rowe. Issue:

436 FREDERICK M., b. Oct. 21, 1886.
437 WILLIAM MARTIN, b. Apr. 21, 1891.
438 JOHN ROWE, b. Feb. 12, 1893.

Edward Smith resides Gallatinville, N. Y.

CCCXXX

330 CHRISTIANA, daughter of (152) Jeremiah Best; m. Jan. 31, 1833, Samuel Bachman, b. Oct. 25, 1811; d. Feb. 4, 1876. Issue:

439 STEPHEN, b. Feb. 14, 1834; m. Cornelia Bortle; d. May 7, 1863.
440 SARAH JANE, b. Mch. 30, 1836; m. John V. D. Benton.
441 MARY, b. Oct. 31, 1840; d. Jan. 22, 1894. Single.

CCCCXXXIX

439 STEPHEN, son of (330) Christiana Bachman; m. Feb. 16, 1857, Cornelia Bortle, b. Sept. 30, 1840, and had:

442 CORA, b. Feb. 16, 1860; d. Apr. 24, 1863.
443 JENNY, b. Nov. 8, 1858. Single.

CCCCXXXX

440 SARAH JANE, daughter of (330) Christiana Bachman; m. Apr. 19, 1859, John V. D. Benton, b. Sept. 1, 1834; d. Aug. 7, 1888. Issue:

444 Samuel Bachman, b. Mch. 24, 1860; m. Anna Hogue.

CCCCXLIV

444 SAMUEL BACHMAN, son of (440) Sarah Jane Benton; m. Mch. 10, 1885, Anna Hogue, b. Feb. 23, 1860, and had:

445 Cora A., b. Jan. 23, 1886.

Samuel B. Benton resides Hudson, N. Y.

CCCXXXII

332 FREDERICK M., son of (152) Jeremiah Best; m. Dec. 3, 1838, Margaret Dunspaugh, b. Mch. 28, 1818, and had:

446 Carry D. b. Mch. 24, 1841; m. Charles C. Lester; d. May 2, 1867.

447 Alice G., b. Mch. 22, 1848; m. Oct. 7, 1869, Alonzo C. Waltermire, of N. Y. City, b. Nov. 7, 1845. Resides No. 2 East Court St., Hudson, N. Y.

Frederick M. Best was Past Master of Hudson Lodge, No. 7, F. and A. M. Enlisted from Taghkanick, Sept. 19, 1862, 159th Regt., Co. G. He was Postmaster at Johnstown for some time.

CCCCXLVI

446 CARRY D., daughter of (332) Frederick M. Best; m. Nov. 26, 1862, Charles C. Lester, b. 1838, by Rev. D. D. Demorset, and had:

448 FRED B., b. Nov. 26, 1863.
449 FRANK H., b. Mch. 30, 1867.

CCCXXXIII

333 GERTRUDE, daughter of (152) Jeremiah Best; m. Jan. 5, 1843, Baltus P. Van Slyke, b. Aug. 20, 1815, d. Mch. 29, 1899, and had:

450 EDGAR J., b. Aug. 15, 1845; m. Anna M. Schermerhorn.
451 CHARLES B., b. Jan. 14; bp. Jan. 21, 1856; m. Alice Colgrove.

Baltus P. Van Slyke and wife are buried at Stuyvesant Landing. He was Postmaster there at one time. Coroner 1868–70.

CCCCL

450 EDGAR J., son of (333) Gertrude Van Slyke; m. Dec. 24, 1873, Anna M. Schermerhorn, b. Oct. 5, 1851, and had:

452 FREDERICK E., b. Jan. 29, 1877.
453 CHARLES C., b. Oct. 5, 1879.
454 RALPH S., b. Aug. 29, 1898.

Edgar J. Van Slyke resides No. 12 Leonard Place, Albany, N. Y.

CCCCLI

451 CHARLES B., son of (333) Gertrude Van Slyke; m. Dec. 3, 1870, Alice Colgrove, b. June 11, 1858, and had:

455 ARTHUR, b. Jan. 18, 1874.

Charles B. Van Slyke resides Coxsackie, N. Y.

CCCXXXIV

334 MARTIN, son of (152) Jeremiah Best; m. Jan. 4, 1844, Louisa Traver, b. July 30, 1827; d. Mch. 9, 1895. Issue:

456 FRANCES C., b. Apr. 18, 1848; m. William H. Coons.
457 ELIZABETH, b. July 1, 1850; m. Norman Duntz.
458 ANDREW, b. Aug. 28, 1857; m. 1st Carry Barton; m. 2nd., Carry Sitzer.
459 ALTHEA, b. Feb. 12, 1860; m. 1st, Wilson Hobby; m. 2nd, Stephen M. Kipp.
460 IMOGENE, b. Apr. 5, 1869; m. Nov. 10, 1897, Gilbert Caire, b. Jan. 7, 1862. Resides No. 12 Bellevue Ave., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
461 CARRY, b. Dec. 23, 1872; m. William Caldwell.

Martin Best resided in the town of Taghkanick; Collector of Taxes, 1861; enlisted, at Taghkanick, Sept. 19, 1862, 159th Regt., Co. G; elected Justice of the Peace, 1874.

CCCCLVI

456 FRANCES C., daughter of (334) Martin Best; m. Apr. 15, 1868, William H. Coons, b. Aug. 7, 1842. Issue:

462 EMMET, b. June 16, 1869; m. Alice B. Lasher.
463 GRACE, b. Oct. 1, 1871; m. Victor Cole.
464 MINNIE, b. Feb. 7, 1874; m. Hudson T. Crapser.
465 ELMA, b. Sept. 10, 1878; m. Charles Carle, Nov. 6, 1900. Resides West Taghkanick.
466 LILLIE, b. May 19, 1876; m. Addison Duntz.
467 ROYAL, b. Sept. 27, 1880.
468 EDNA, b. Oct. 24, 1883.
469 LIZZIE, b. July 12, 1888.

CCCCLXII

462 EMMET, son of (456) Frances C. Coons; m. July 12, 1893, Alice B. Lasher, b. Apr. 24, 1871, and had:

470 BLANCHE, b. Oct. 20, 1894.
471 RICHARD M., b. Oct. 26, 1896.
472 MILDRED L., b. Oct. 19, 1899.

Emmet Coons resides Pine Plains, N. Y.

CCCCLXIII

463 GRACE, daughter of (456) Frances C. Coons; m. Apr. 12, 1899, Victor Cole. Issue:

473 MYRTLE, b. Apr. 10, 1896.
474 GERTRUDE, b. Nov., 1899.

CCCCLXIV

464 MINNIE, daughter of (456) Frances C. Coons; m. Feb. 22, 1894, Hudson T. Crapser, and had:

475 IVA MAY, b. Sept. 8, 1894.
476 GLADYS ETHEL, b. Feb. 8, 1900.

Hudson T. Crapser resides Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.

CCCCLXVI

466 LILLIE, daughter of (456) Frances C. Coons; m. Oct. 4, 1899, Addison Duntz. Issue:

477 ETHEL MAY, b. Oct. 10, 1900.

Addison Duntz resides Hudson, N. Y.

CCCCLVII

457 ELIZABETH, daughter of (334) Martin Best; m. Feb. 6, 1868, Norman Duntz, b. May 1, 1845; d. Oct. 20, 1886. Issue:

478 LEWIS, b. Sept. 14, 1868.
479 MELVIN, b. Sept. 4, 1872.
480 CORA, b. July 18, 1878.
481 FRED, b. June 4, 1880.
482 MARY E., b. June 19, 1882.

Norman Duntz resided at No. 253 Hanover St., Bridgport, Conn.

CDLVIII

458 ANDREW, son of (334) Martin Best; m. 1st, July 9, 1879, Carry Barton. She d. Sept. 14, 1895. Issue:

483 FREDERICK, b. Apr. 23, 1880; m. 2nd, Nov. 3, 1896, Carry Sitzer.

Andrew Best resides Pokeepsie, N. Y.

CDLIX

459 ALTHEA, daughter of (334) Martin Best; m. 1st, Jan. 1, 1879, Wilson Hobby, b. 1859; d. Apr. 2, 1891, and had:

484 LULU, b. Dec. 15, 1879; m. Apr. 30, 1899, Harry Olmstead. Resides Pawling, N. Y.
485 ANDREW, b. Jan. 11, 1882.
m. 2nd, Sept. 5, 1899, Stephen M. Kipp

Wilson Hobby resided at No. 134 Church St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

CDLXI

461 CARRY, daughter of (334) Martin Best; m. Oct. 7, 1891, William Coldwell, b. ; d. Mch. 9, 1898. Issue:

486 ALMEDA, b. Dec. 26, 1894.

William Coldwell resides No. 12 Bellevue Ave., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

CCCXXXV

335 LUCY, daughter of (152) Jeremiah Best; m. Jan. 1841, (644) Wilson Ham, son of Jacob Tiel Ham and (242) Eve Best, and had the following:

487 MARGARET C., b. Apr. 13, 1843; d. May 12, 1855.
488 EVEANNA, b. July 25, 1845; m. Samuel G. Rowles.
489 LUCY M., b. Nov. 23, 1847; m. Thomas J. Lape; d. June 15, 1870.
490 HERBERT WILSON, b. Oct. 29, 1856.

Wilson Ham was Town Clerk of Stuyvesant, 1855; Supervisor, 1857.

CDLXXXVIII

488 EVEANNA, daughter of (335) Lucy Ham; m. Mch. 9, 1869, Samuel G. Rowles, b. Dec. 22, 1838, and had:

491 CARRY, b. Dec. 12, 1870; m. Frank Manser.

Samuel G. Rowles resides Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

CDXCI

491 CARRY, daughter of (488) Eveanna Rowles; m. Sept. 13, 1892, Frank Manser. Issue:

492 NATALIE, b. Oct. 28, 1893.
493 EVELINE, b. Jan. 25, 1894.

CDLXXXIX

489 LUCY M., daughter of (335) Lucy Ham; m. Apr. 1879, Thomas J. Lape, and had:

HARRY, b. Apr. 15, 1880; d. Aug. 7, 1880.

CCCXXXVI

336 ANDREW K., son of (152) Jeremiah Best; m. Nov. 29, 1846, by Rev. J. Ham, Emily Harrison, b. May 14, 1837, at Litchfield, Conn. Issue:

495 CATHERINE, b. d. y.
496 CHARLES, b. d. y.

Andrew K. Best resides at No. 103 Cannon St., Pokeepsie.

CCCXXXVII

337 MARGARET JANE, daughter of (152) Jeremiah Best; m. Nov. 29, 1845, Stephen H. Shutts, b. Sept. 9, 1825. Issue:

497 OPHELIA, b. Oct. 16, 1850; m. Albert Potts.
498 CHARLES, b. Oct. 28, 1852; d. Oct. 5, 1859.
499 WILSON, b. Feb. 2, 1856; d. Apr. 21, 1864.
500 EMMET, b. Feb. 23, 1857; d. Apr. 2, 1858.
501 MARGARET BEST, b. Mch. 21, 1864.

Stephen H. Shutts enlisted, at Hillsdale, Aug. 15, 1862, 128th Regt., Co. E.

CCCCLXXXXVII

497 OPHELIA, daughter of (337) Margaret Jane Shutts; m. Oct. 16, 1872, Albert Potts, b. June 27, 1843, and had:

502 JENNY SHUTTS, b. Dec. 20, 1877; m. Charles L. Hitt.
503 MARY, b. May 5, 1880.
504 STEPHEN HORTON, b. Sept. 21, 1882.
505 MARGARET BEST, b. Mch. 20, 1885.
506 ERNEST, b. Aug. 23, 1889.

DII

502 JENNY SHUTTS, daughter of (497) Ophelia Potts; m. Mch. 17, 1897, Charles L. Hitt and had:

507 GERTRUDE A., b. Feb. 1, 1898.

CCCXXXVIII

338 JACOB, son of (154) Lena Horton; m. Sept. 15, 1846, Desiah D. Dunspaugh, daughter of Henry and Christina (Potts) Dunspaugh, of Livingston, b. July 7, 1825. Issue:

508 CHARLES LESTER, b. Sept. 20, 1847.
509 FRED B., Mch. 17, 1860.
510 HARRY D., b. July 17, 1855; d. Oct. 23, 1875.

Jacob Horton, M.D., resided at Johnstown, where he practised his profession for over forty years, with marked success. He studied medicine with Dr. Robert Treat Paine, an eminent specialist, of Clyde, N. Y.; and, after his graduation, Nov. 25, 1845, from the Castleton (Vt.) Medical College, located at Johnstown. He was Town Clerk, 1859. His son (569) Fred B., was Town Clerk in 1891, and had held other offices in the town.

CCCXXXIX

339 WILSON, son of (154) Lena Horton; m. Nov. 20, 1860, Cornelia A. Chase, b. Dec. 8, 1837, and had:

511 JENNY C., b. Nov. 5, 1866; m. Sheridan Daball.
512 HELLENE GRACE, b. Jan. 9, 1876.
513 GEORGE W., b. Mch. 14, 1872; d. Aug. 26, 1872.
514 WILSON M., b. Apr. 1, 1878.

Wilson Horton resides Clyde, Wayne Co., N. Y.

CCCXLII

342 JOHN B., son of (154) Lena Horton; m. 1865, Ellen R. Smith, b. 1836, and had:

515 SMITH G., b. 1874; m. 1898, Olive B. Barton, b. 1877. Resides Clyde.

DXI

511 JENNY C., daughter of (339) Wilson Horton; m. July 2, 1890, Sheridan Daball, b. 1864. Issue:

516 WILSON, b. Apr. 24, 1891.
517 MARTHA GRACE, b. Nov. 11, 1900.

Sheridan Daball resides at Rochester, N. Y.

CCCXLIII

343 HARMON, son of (155) Robert Best; m. Margaret Hicks, and had:

518 EMILY, b. ; m.
519 AUGUSTA, b. ; m.
520 IDA, b. ; m.
521 LUELLA, b. ; m.
522 ARTHUR, b. ; m.

CCCXLIV

344 MILTON, son of (155) Robert Best; m. Ann Melius, and had:

523 HATTIE D., b. ; m. Sept. 4, 1871, George P. Malone.
524 FRANK, b.

Milton Best enlisted, at Hudson, Nov. 4, 1862, 12th Cav., Co. C.

CCCXLV

345 MARY CORNELIA, daughter of (155) Robert Best; m. Robert Rockefeller, son of Obadiah and Margaret (Bortell) Rockefeller, and had:

525 HELEN A., b. ; m. Jan. 22, 1874, Reuben Ham, son of Zechariah and Charity (Decker) Ham, b. at Livingston, Apr. 29, 1844. Resides Claverack. Supervisor, 1889–90. No issue.

CCCXLVIII

348 ELIZABETH CHRISTINA, daughter of (155) Robert Best; m. Edward A. Weaver, of Millerton, and had:

526 HENRIETTA, b. ; m. Frank Silvernail. Resides Red Hook.

CCCXLIX

349 HENRY EDGAR, son of (155) Robert Best; m. Oct. 15, 1856, Catherine Maria Smith, b. Nov. 2, 1840, and had:

527 ADA, b. July 12, 1857; m. Charles David Tiffany.
528 CARRY, b. Sept. 6, 1859; m. Byaly Miller.
529 JESSIE, b. Mch. 30, 1862; d. May 10, 1863.
530 ANNA MARIA, b. Aug. 26, 1864; m. Jonas A. Rossman.
531 JANETTE, b. Mch. 5, 1867; m. Nov. 2, 1887, James I. Leggett; d. Oct. 19, 1888. No issue.
532 LULU, b. Oct. 30, 1874; m. James H. Miller.
533 EUGENIA, b. Nov. 13, 1877; m. Edgar S. Bradley
534 CATHERINE E., b. Apr. 17, 1879; d. Mch. 16, 1881.

DXXVII

527 ADA, daughter of (349) Henry E. Best; m. June 5, 1878, Charles D.Tiffany, b. June 3, 1856. Issue:

535 Claude, b. Mch. 5, 1879.
536 Gordon, b. Mch. 10, 1881; d. July 8, 1899.
537 Lila Erroll, b. Sept. 1, 1884.
538 Mary Irene, b. Sept. 9, 1889.
539 Rossman, b. July 29, 1895.
540 Harold, b. Oct. 6, 1900.

DXXVIII

528 CARRY, daughter of (349) Henry E. Best; m. Oct. 10, 1878, Byaly Miller, b. Apr. 23, 1853, and had:

541 Emmett Rufus, b. Oct. 26, 1880.
542 Carroll Du Bois, b. Oct. 11, 1885.

DXXX

530 ANNA MARIA, daughter of (349) Henry E. Best; m. Feb. 29, 1884, Jonas A. Rossman. Resides No. 217 Alexander Ave., N. Y. City. Issue:

543 Nellie Blaine, b. Feb. 16, 1885; d. Oct. 29, 1886.
544 Lillian R., b. July 14, 1889.
545 Jonas F., b. Oct. 15, 1890; d. June, 1892.

DXXXII

532 LULU, daughter of (349) Henry E. Best; m. Feb. 11, 1891, James H. Miller, and had:

546 Myra Best, b. May 30, 1891.
547 Kittie Alta, b. Mch. 23, 1893.
548 Edgar S., b. Dec. 1, 1895.
549 Jonas A., b. Jan. 1, 1898.

DXXXIII

533 EUGENIA, daughter of (349) Henry E. Best; m. Apr. 22, 1896, Edgar S. Bradley. Issue:

550 Anna Rebecca, b. Dec. 19, 1896.
551 Lincoln Maurice, b. Feb. 12, 1897.
552 Charles Stewart, b. July 29, 1898.

CCCL

350 ANNA MARIA, daughter of (155) Robert Best; m. Henry Best, son of Walter Best and Rhoda Smith, b. at Caldwell, Rockland Co., N. Y. Issue:

553 Grace, b. Jan. 23, 1868; m. — Boucher.
554 Henry J., b. Nov. 25, 1867.
555 Anna Maria, b. Sept. 5, 1870.
556 Lillian, b.

Henry Best resides Red Hook, N. Y.

CCCLI

351 MARGARET MILLER, daughter of (155) Robert Best; m. Mch. 8, 1855, Rensselaer Rote, b. Sept. 1, 1832, and had:

557 Willis H., b. Dec. 30, 1858; m. Apr. 24, 1895, Minnie Crow. No issue. Resides 1334 Polk St., San Francisco, Cal.
558 Robert, b. Mch. 20, 1864; m. Amber Foreman.
559 Stanley D., b. Jan. 8, 1866; m. Harriet Crimbeck.
560 Anna M., b. July 30, 1868; m. James H. Walker.
561 Helena, b. Aug., 1862; d. 1865.

DLVIII

558 Robert, son of (351) Margaret M. Rote; m. Sept., 1892, Amber Foreman. Issue:

562 Marguerite, b. Sept. 27, 1893.
563 Kathryn Evelyn, b. July 5, 1898.

DLIX

559 STANLEY D., son of (351) Margaret M. Rote;

m. Oct. 29, 1896, Harriet Crimbeck, b. Jan. 28, 1866, and had:

564 HELEN WINIFRED, b. May 9, 1898.

Stanley D. Rote resides at No. 248 East St., Rensselaer, N. Y.

DLX

560 ANNA M., daughter of (351) Margaret M. Rote; m. Jan. 10, 1895, James H. Walker. Issue:

565 ERNEST VAUGHN, b. July 19, 1896.
566 MARGARET ANNABELLE, b. Mch. 22, 1900.

James H. Walker resides Livingston, N. Y.

CCCLII

352 JOHN EMMET, son of (155) Robert Best; m. Apr. 18, 1860, Catherine A. Holsapple, and had:

567 EMMA, b. ; d.
568 AGNES, b. ; m.

John E. Best resides Albia, Rensselaer Co., N. Y.

DLXVIII

568 AGNES, daughter of (352) John E. Best; m. —. Resides Albia, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. Issue:

569 AGNES, b.

CCCLIII

353 HELEN, daughter of (155) Robert Best; m. Nov. 21, 1871, Robert Munkuttrick, b. Nov., 1842; d. May 19, 1895. Issue:

570 CHARLES, b. May 18, 1873; d. May 19, 1895.

Resides No. 107 West 51st St., N. Y. City.

CCCLIV

354 CHARLES MONROE, son of (155) Robert Best; m. Charlotte Ann Kells. Resides Livingston. Issue:

571 Russell B., b. ; m. Ham.
572 Willard, b. ; m. Knickerbocker.
573 James, b. ; d.
574 Nellie, b. ; m. . Resides in the west.
575 Robert, b. June 19, 1863; m. Henrietta C. Tryon.

DLXXI

571 RUSSELL B., son of (354) Charles M. Best; m. — Ham, and had:

576 Leroy, b.
577 Clifford, b.
578 Alma May, b.
579 Russell, b.

DLXXII

572 WILLARD, son of (354) Charles M. Best; m. — Knickerbocker, and had:

580 Clara Belle, b.

DLXXV

575 ROBERT, son of (354) Charles M. Best; m. 188?, Henrietta C. Tryon, b. Aug. 24, 1865. Issue:

581 Minnie Luella, b. Feb. 13, 1883.
582 Elva Irene, b. Nov. 28, 1887.
583 Russell Miner, b. May 20, 1899.

Resides No. 607 Pawling Ave., Albia, N. Y.

CCXLII

242 EVE, daughter of (75) John J. Best; m. Dec. 27, 1818, Jacob Tiel Ham. He d. Feb. 18, 1869, aged 71 years. Issue:

584 WILSON, b. Jan. 12, 1820; m. (335) Lucy Best, daughter of (152) Jeremiah Best (see under family No. 335); d. May 31, 1899.

585 JOHN TIEL, b. Feb. 1, 1822; m. 1st, Helen Cornelia Shultz; m. 2nd, Emma F. Drury.

586 THOMAS, b. May 26, 1824; d. Jan., 1841. Buried Johnstown.

587 ALLEN JACOB, b. Oct. 11, 1826; m. Martha Jane Cutler.

DLXXXV

585 JOHN TIEL, son of (242) Eve Ham; m. 1st, Sept. 10, 1844, Helen Cornelia Shultz, b. Mch. 19, 1826; d. 1852. Issue:

588 MARY ISABELLA, b. Oct. 26, 1846; d. Feb. 14, 1870.

589 HELEN CATHERINE, b. July 28, 1852; m. Philip Radcliff; m. 2nd, Feb. 23, 1854, Emma F. Drury, b. July 13, 1836. No issue.

Jacob T. Ham resides Stuyvesant Landing, N. Y.

DLXXXIX

589 HELEN CATHERINE, daughter of (585) John T. Ham; m. Jan. 8, 1873, Philip Radcliff, and had:

590 WILLIAM H., b. Nov. 30, 1873; m. Apr. 26, 1899, Alma D. Teal. No issue.

591 GRACE MARRIAN, b. Mch. 5, 1877; d. Jan. 1, 1880.

DLXXXVII

587 ALLEN JACOB, son of (242) Eve Ham; m.

Jan. 16, 1850, Martha Jane Cutler, b. Oct. 11, 1824; d. May 1, 1900, and had:

592 Thomas S., b. Apr. 4, 1851; m. Hulena Orde.
593 Elizabeth Best, b. June 2, 1857; m. Sept. 28, 1881, Frank S. Fay. No issue.

DXCII

592 THOMAS S., son of (587) Allen J. Ham; m. Aug. 23, 1882, Hulena Orde. Issue:

594 Marianna, b. Aug. 2, 1884.

CCXLIV

244 JOHN LOUNARD, son of (75) John J. Best; m. Sept. 14, 1825, Maria Williams, and had:

595 Martin Luther, b. Nov. 11, 1827; d. in the west.
596 Catherine Margaret, b. Aug. 28, 1826; d. Sept. 12, 1828.
597 Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 7, 1829.

CCXVL

245 CATHERINE, daughter of (75) John J. Best; m. Jan. 8, 1827, by Rev. A. N. Kettle, Robert Nicholas Van Deusen, b. Oct. 4, 1804; d. Oct. 28, 1863, aged 59 years. Issue:

598 Edwin Holmes, b. Aug. 29, bp. Nov. 9, 1828, by Rev. Harmon Vedder, at the Reformed Dutch Church, Johnstown, Col. Co., N. Y.; m. Cynthia Ann Wendover.
599 Margaret Ann, b. July 27, bp. Oct. 24, 1830, at Johnstown; d. Sept. 25, 1857; single; buried at Stuyvesant Landing, N. Y.
600 Mary Ellen, b. Dec. 20, 1832; bp. Feb. 22, 1833;

m. Oct. 5, 185?, William Pierson Hazelton. Resides N. Y. City, N. Y. No issue.

Robert Nicholas Van Deusen, after a long life passed in mercantile pursuits, in Livingston Manor, purchased, in 1849, at Stuyvesant Landing, the colonial mansion and farm of Hon. Benjamin F. Butler, Secretary of State under President Van Buren, and resided there until his death. The property has, lately, passed into the possession of an Odd Fellows Order, and been converted into a home for aged members. For full biographical notes of this family, see *Van Deusen Genealogy*, p. 80, published by the author of this book.

DXCVIII

598 EDWIN HOLMES, son of (245) Catherine Van Deusen; m. July 22, 1858, Cynthia Ann Wendover, daughter of John Thompson Wendover, of Stuyvesant Landing, N. Y., b. Aug. 4, 1835. Mar. by Rev. Egbert Nevins, of Stuyvesant. Issue:

601 ROBERT THOMPSON, b. Kalamazoo, Mich., Apr. 26, 1859; m. 1st, Dec. 13, 1882, Alice Bertha Bates, daughter of James H. Bates, Brooklyn, N. Y.; no issue. Adopted, Florence Wendover Van Deusen, b. Aug. 30, 1879; m. 2nd, Harriett Louise Mosier.

602 ANNA MARGARET, b. Kalamazoo, Mich., May 17, 1862; d. Feb. 5, 1864. Buried at Mt. Home Cemetery, Kalamazoo. Removed to cemetery at Stuyvesant Landing, N. Y.

Edwin H. Van Deusen was, for many years, Medical Superintendent of the Michigan Asylum for the Insane (see *Van Deusen Genealogy*, pp. 134–7).

DCI

601 ROBERT THOMPSON, son of (598) Edwin

Holmes Van Deusen; m. June 6, 1899, Harriett Louise Mosier, b. South Schodack, Rens. Co., N. Y., June 6, 1877, and had:

603 HARRIETT HUYCK, b. Mch. 3, 1900.
604 ROBERT WENDOVER, b.

Robert T. Van Deusen resides at Newburgh, N. Y.

CCXLVI

246 HENRY ALLAN, son of (75) John J. Best; m. Sept. 16, 1835, by Rev. A. N. Kettle, at Stuyvesant Landing, Elizabeth P. Cutter, b. Apr. 28, 1816; d. Nov. 18, 1855. Buried Stuyvesant Landing, N. Y. Issue:

605 ABIGAIL STEVENS, b. Feb. 7, 1842. Single. Resides Stuyvesant Landing.
606 HENRY ALLAN, b. Apr. 20, 1848; m. Mary Kate Pruyn; d. Jan. 20, 1905.

Henry Allan Best was largely interested in mercantile pursuits. He established, in 1868, a merchants' and general freighting business at Stuyvesant Landing, under the firm name of Henry A. Best & Co.; was one of the Consistory of the Stuyvesant Reformed Dutch Church; was a member of the last Disbursing Committee, Jan. 4, 1865; Supervisor, 1859–75; and a Director of the National Union Bank at Kinderhook, N. Y.

DCVI

606 HENRY ALLAN, son of (246) Henry Allan Best; m. Nov. 5, 1879, by Rev. E. A. Collier, Mary Kate Pruyn, of Kinderhook, N. Y. (see *Pruyn Genealogy*), b. Mch. 15, 1858. Issue:

607 PRUYN, b. July 27, 1880; d. Oct. 14, 1881.
608 HENRY ALLAN, b. May 27, 1884; d. Jan. 15, 1886.
609 ABIGAIL LEE, b. Apr. 4, 1887.

Henry A. Best died at his beautiful home at Stuyvesant Landing, Jan. 20, 1905. He was an energetic business man and a representative citizen of Columbia County. He was engaged in the freighting business, and was an extensive dealer in lumber, coal, and feed at Stuyvesant Landing. He was one of the substantial property-holders of the county and was well and favorably known as a man of more than ordinary business talent and worth. Mr. Best's elementary talent and worth were obtained in the schools of his native town, and his more advanced studies were pursued in schools at Rhinebeck and Poughkeepsie. After his graduation he entered the store of his father at Stuyvesant as a clerk, remaining in that capacity until 1872, when his father retired from active business, and he was admitted to the firm as junior member, the name being changed to J. Woolcox & Co. In 1880 the firm name was changed to Best & Bray. After several years of continued prosperity another change in the firm was made, the name then reading H. A. Best & Co. In 1888, Mr. Best sold out his interest in the store and abandoned mercantile pursuits for awhile. Two years later, however, he purchased the freighting business, which he carried on up to the time of his death, adding the lumber, coal, and feed business to his sole enterprise. He was the owner of several large farms and accumulated considerable wealth. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, and a sister, who reside in Stuyvesant Landing.

CCXLVIa

246a MARY, daughter of (75) John J. Best; m. 1st, Mch. 25, 1837, by Rev. Richard Sluyter, at Claverack, N. Y., Milton Peters, b. May 22, 1815; d. Feb. 17, 1845. Issue:

610 CLARENCE, b. May 28, 1838; m. Addie E. Smith; d. Oct. 6, 1897.

Mar. 2nd, Sept., 1849, Peter J. Houghtaling, b. Feb. 21, 1819. Resides Stuyvesant Landing. No issue. Asst. Postmaster of the Assembly, 1867.

DCX

610 CLARENCE, son of (246a) Mary Peters; m. Jan. 17, 1866, Addie E. Smith, b. Apr. 20, 1840. Resides Stuyvesant Landing. Issue:

611 HARRIET, b. Sept. 22, 1867; m. Edward Murrell.
612 ADA, b. Aug. 16, 1871.
613 MILTON, b. June 18, 1873.
614 ALLEN B., b. July 31, 1877.

Clarence Peters was Town Clerk, 1866; enlisted, at Stuyvesant, Apr. 23, 1861, 9th Regt. Co. G.

DCXI

611 HARRIET, daughter of (610) Clarence Peters; m. June 15, 1887, Edward Murrell, b. June 11, 1865. Issue:

615 MINNIE L., b. Jan. 2, 1889.
616 CLARENCE, b. Sept. 26, 1892.
617 ESTHER, b. Nov. 23, 1897.

CCXLVII

247 WILLIAM, son of (75) John J. Best; m. Dec. 15, 1836, by Rev. I. H. Van Waggoner, at Livingston, Emeline Miller, b. Dec. 30, 1818; d. June 22, 1890. Issue:

618 EMELINE, b. d. y.
619 MAGGIE, b. d. y.
620 VALERIA, b. Dec. 8, 1836; m. 1st, George W. Bayly; m. 2nd, George P. K. Pomeroy, M.D.; d. May 1, 1900.

621 MARY PETERS, b. Feb. 7, 1846; m. Sanford Mayell.

622 EDWARD S., Feb. 15, 1840; m. Martha M. Rogers; d. Feb. 22, 1885.

623 WILLIAM LOUNARD, b. June 14, 1848. d. y.

624 HARRIET ANN, b. Sept. 14, 1849. d. y.

William Best was Supervisor of the town of Stuyvesant, 1849–51; Sheriff of the county, 1852; and, for many years, President of the National Bank of Kinderhook.

DCXX

620 VALERIA, daughter of (247) William Best; m. 1st, Oct. 23, 1859, George W. Bayly, b. Mch. 6, 1833; d. June 15, 1875. Issue:

625 SARAH ELIZABETH, b. July 4, 1861; d. Dec. 6, 1862.

Mar. 2nd, George P. K. Pomeroy, M.D., Jan. 4, 1862.

George W. Bayly was Supervisor from the town of Stuyvesant, 1866.

George P. K. Pomeroy, M.D., graduated from the Albany Medical College, in the class of 1878; was one of the incorporators and President of the "Forewood Cemetery Association," of Stuyvesant Landing; is a member and has been President of the Columbia County Medical Society; is an associate of the State Medical Association, and has been Health Officer, since the organization of the Board of Health, in 1880, of the town of Stuyvesant. He is one of the Democratic County Committee, and a member of the Town Committee.

DCXXI

621 MARY PETERS, daughter of (247) William Best; m. Jan. 29, 1866, Sanford Mayell, b. 1844; d. 1891. Resides 220 Allne St., Buffalo, N. Y. Issue:

626 VALERIA ELOISE, bp. July 22, 1867; m. — Boehm.

DCXXVI

626 VALERIA ELOISE, daughter of (621) Mary P. Mayell; m. 1888, — Boehm, and had:

627 LESLIE M., b. 1890; d. Nov. 13, 1890.

DCXXII

622 EDWARD S., son of (247) William Best; m. Jan. 23, 1867, Martha M. Rogers, b. Sept. 29, 1844. Resides Valatie, N. Y. Issue:

628 HOWARD, b. Oct. 4, 1877.
629 JOHN R., b. Feb. 18, 1869; d. Aug. 23, 1869.
630 ELIZABETH, b. Mch. 8, 1871.

CCXLVIII

248 PETER, son of (75) John J. Best; m. Nov. 26, 1845, Harriet Rockefeller, b. Sept. 14, 1821; d. Jan. 23, 1892. Buried Claverack. Issue:

631 ELIZABETH TOBEY CUTLER, b. Aug. 10, 1846; d. Dec. 24, 1854.
632 HARRIET ANNA, b. Feb. 2, 1849. Resides Claverack, N. Y.
633 AUGUSTA LYNES, b. July 22, 1856; m. Wilbur Miller.

Peter Best was for many years a trustee of Claverack College.

DCXXXIII

633 AUGUSTA LYNES, daughter of (248) Peter Best; m. Jan. 29, 1879, Wilbur Miller, and had:

634 CLAYTON J., b. Feb. 19, 1880; m.

CCIL

249 JACOB, son of (75) John J. Best; m. Dec. 1, 1853, at Ovid, N. Y., by Rev. Hamilton, Gertrude Nevius, b. Dec. 17, 1822, and had:

635 JOHN LEIGHTON WILSON, b. May 19, 1855; m. Sept. 10, 1890, by Rev. Frederick Woods, D.D., Stella Francis Lewis. No issue. Resides Springfield, Mass. Address, "*Springfield News.*"

636 MARGARET ELIZABETH, b. May 19, 1855; m. Rev. George W. Adams.

637 ANNA DONALDSON, b. Sept. 4, 1862; m. Arthur Head; d. Aug. 9, 1893.

638 ELLEN GERTRUDE, b. Oct. 17, 1864; m. Rev. John Merriam.

Jacob Best, D.D. was living in 1894; had been pastor of churches at Waymart, Pa., and Brooklyn, N. Y.; was a man of marked ability and character, and achieved great success in his chosen work.

DCXXXVI

636 MARGARET ELIZABETH, daughter of (249) Jacob Best; m. Oct. 3, 1882, by Rev. Jacob Best, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. George W. Adams. Resides Wilson, N. Y. Issue:

639 BENJAMIN PETTENGILL, b. July 14, 1883.

640 ELBERT NEVIUS, b. Aug. 9, 1885.

641 SAMUEL DEAN, b. Feb. 20, 1887.

642 GEORGE FLETCHER, b. June 12, 1890.

DCXXXVII

637 ANNA DONALDSON, daughter of (249) Jacob Best; m. Dec. 1, 1886, by Rev. Jacob Best, at Brooklyn,

N. Y., Arthur Head, b. July 31, 1851. Resides Towanda Pa. Issue:

643 ALLAN BEST, b. Oct. 24, 1887.
644 JACOB WARD, b. Apr. 12, 1889.
645 GERTRUDE NEVIUS, b. Sept. 22, 1891.

DCXXXVIII

638 ELLEN GERTRUDE, daughter of (249) Jacob Best; m. Nov. 29, 1887, by Rev. Jacob Best, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. John Merriam, b. Apr. 14, 1855. Issue:

646 CHARLES LEIGHTON, b. Sept. 11, 1888.
647 ARTHUR MARSHALL, b. Aug. 22, 1892.
648 JOHN HOWARD, b. Nov. 8, 1894.
649 JOSEPH LAWRENCE, b. Nov. 11, 1896.
650 GERTRUDE BEST, b. Apr. 7, 1899.

Rev. John Merriam resides at Port Dickinson, N. Y.

CCL

250 MARGARET, daughter of (76) Catherine Becker; m. Sept. 18, 1814, William Reynolds, b. July 4, 1789; d. July 5, 1847. Issue:

651 ELIZA CATHERINE, b. July 22, 1815; m. Feb. 13. 1873, Jacob Ostrander. No issue. He d. 1900. She d. Aug. 4, 1899. Both buried Greenbush.
652 HARRISON EDWARD, b. Oct. 21, 1816; d. Sept. 16, 1832.
653 HIRAM, b. Apr. 20, 1818; d. Apr. 2, 1850. Single,
654 CHRISTINA MARIA, b. Sept. 12, 1819; m. Joseph D. Morris; d. Jan. 8, 1892.
655 THOMAS H., b. Aug. 25, 1821; m. Jane A. Ham; d. Oct. 20, 1895.
656 ELEANOR, b. June 24, 1824; d. Dec. 22, 1825.

657 MARGARET, b. July 30, 1827; m. Reuben Living ston.

658 HENRY HARRIS, b. Apr. 2, 1830; Elizabeth ; d. Apr. 18, 1883.

659 MALINDA, b. July 18, 1833.

660 EVELINE, b. Mch. 3, 1839; m. (952) Thaddeus C. S. Reynolds (see under family No. 952).

DCLIV

654 CHRISTINA MARIA, daughter of (250) Margaret Reynolds; m. Oct. 12, 1842, Joseph D. Morris, b. Sept. 2, 1817; d. July 15, 1882. Issue:

661 JANE ELLEN, b. May 26, 1844; m. John A. Almstead.

662 EDWIN REYNOLDS, b. Nov. 28, 1846; m. Eliza Jane Waterbury.

Joseph D. Morris resided East Schodack, N. Y.

DCLV

655 THOMAS H., son of (250) Margaret Reynolds; m. Feb. 6, 1845, Jane A. Ham, b. Sept. 22, 1826. Issue:

663 ISAAC DEWITT, b. Jan. 31, 1846; m. Frances A. Waterbury; d. Sept. 4, 1889.

664 EMMA F., b. Jan. 17, 1848; m. Col. S. Wheeler.

665 WILLIAM H., b. Mch. 17, 1850; m. Josephine Mosier.

666 CALVIN F., b. Sept. 25, 1852; m. Margaret Whitbeck.

667 EVA C., b. Feb. 26, 1858; m. William H. Fellows.

668 PHEBE E., b. Oct. 16, 1867. Single.

669 CHARLES J., b. Sept. 4, 1872; m. Sept. 4, 1893, Bertha Pitts. No issue.

Thomas H. Reynolds resides Nassau, Rens. Co., N. Y.

DCLVII

657 MARGARET, daughter of (250) Margaret Reynolds; m. Nov. 21, 1850, Reuben Livingston, b. Jan. 3, 1826. Issue:

670 ALDA, b. Oct. 7, 1851; d. Sept. 14, 1852.
671 RENALDO R., b. July 25, 1855; m. Elna H. Snyder.
672 ADELMAR T., b. Dec. 18, 1857; m. Ida L. Purves, Sept. 29, 1886. She was b. Feb. 4, 1860. Resides Springfield, Mass. No issue.
673 REUBEN H., b. Oct. 8, 1863; d. Dec. 4, 1891; m. Ann Augusta Lane.
674 CHARLES G., b. Feb. 5, 1871; m. 1st, Emma Bulson; m. 2nd, Ester Sawyer.

DCLVIII

658 HENRY HARRIS, son of (250) Margaret Reynolds; m. 185?, Elizabeth ———, and had:

675 ELIZABETH JANE, b.

Henry Harris Reynolds resides E. D., No. 66 Jefferson St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

DCLXI

661 JANE ELLEN, daughter of (654) Christina M. Morris; m. May 26, 1861, John A. Almstead, and had:

676 AMELIA M., b. Feb. 26, 1865; m. Edward Coomber.
677 IRVING ABNER, b. July 9, 1868. Single.
678 MORRIS J., b. Mch. 18, 1870; m. Mary Emma Radcliffe.
679 RAYMOND P., b. Sept. 20, 1872; m. 1899, Charlotte Buhr, b. Apr. 23, 1878. No issue.

John A. Almstead resides 192 Frank St., Rochester, N. Y.

DCLXXVI

676 AMELIA M., daughter of (661) Jane E. Almstead; m. Feb. 27, 1895, Edward Coomber, b. at Trowbridge, Eng., Dec. 15, 1863, and had:

680 J. EDWARD, b. Feb. 29, 1896.

681 RAYMOND ALMSTEAD, b. Nov. 12, 1899.

DCLXXVIII

678 MORRIS J., son of (661) Jane E. Almstead; m. June 7, 1894, Mary Emma Radcliffe, b. May 10, 1873. Issue:

682 LEAH ELLEN, b. Sept. 12, 1895.

683 WILLIAM, b. Dec. 29, 1896.

684 MAURICE, b. Feb. 25, 1899.

DCLXII

662 EDWIN REYNOLDS, son of (654) Christina M. Morris; m. Feb. 8, 1871, Eliza Jane Waterbury, and had:

685 HERBERT D., b. Nov. 5, 1871; m. Sept. 19, 1895, Martha R. Kimmey. No issue.

Edwin R. Morris resides East Schodack, N. Y.

DCLXIII

663 ISAAC DEWITT, son of (655) Thomas H. Reynolds; m. Sept. 27, 1868, Frances A. Waterbury, b. Sept. 27, 1846. Issue:

686 NELLIE M., b. June 28, 1869; m. Oct. 19, 1898, John Wesley Hyde, b. Feb. 29, 1872.

687 THOMAS H., b. Jan. 26, 1871.

DCLXIV

664 EMMA F., daughter of (655) Thomas H. Reynolds; m. Feb. 26, 1880, Colonel S. Wheeler. Issue:

688 SILAS R., b. May 11, 1882.

DCLXV

665 WILLIAM H., son of (655) Thomas H. Reynolds; m. Oct. 4, 1878, Josephine Mosier. Issue:

689 James Miller, b. July 25, 1880.
690 Florence Josephine, b. Nov. 7, 1886.

DCLXVI

666 CALVIN F., son of (655) Thomas H. Reynolds m. Dec. 11, 1878, Margaret Whitbeck, b. Jan. 22, 1852. Issue:

691 William Whitbeck, b. Sept. 20, 1878.
692 Minnie Ferris, b. Aug. 29, 1881.
693 Mabelle Stanton, b. Oct. 4, 1891.
694 Herbert Edwin, b. Nov. 21, 1893.

DCLXVII

667 EVA C., daughter of (655) Thomas H. Reynolds m. June 14, 1882, William H. Fellows, b. Feb. 16, 1855, and had:

695 Maria Jane, b. Sept. 12, 1884; d. Aug. 21, 1891.
696 Minnie R., b. Oct. 19, 1887; d. Aug. 24, 1891.

DCLXXI

671 RENALDO R., son of (657) Margaret Livingston; m. Jan. 19, 1888, Edna H. Snyder, b. Nov. 12, 1869, and had:

697 Harry R., b. Feb. 12, 1889.
698 Raymond H., b. Jan. 30, 1890.
699 Harriet, b. Dec. 2, 1892.

DCLXXIII

673 REUBEN H., son of (657) Margaret Livingston; m. Dec. 25, 1883, at Lutheran Church, Ghent, Ann Augusta Lane, of Ghent, N. Y., b. Sept. 19, 1855. Issue:

700 ALIDA M., b. Mch. 5, 1885.
701 EDITH A., b. June 16, 1886; d. Dec. 29, 1892.

DCLXXIV

674 CHARLES G., son of (657) Margaret Livingston; m. 1st, Emma Bulson. She d. June, 1895. Issue:

702 EDITH, b. d. y.
703 CLAUDE, b. d. y.
704 IRENE, b. d. y.

M. 2nd, 1896. Ester Sawyer, and had:

705 WILLIAM, b. July 10, 1897; d. Dec. 3, 1897.
706 ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 6, 1899.

Charles G. Livingston resides 218 Sixth St., Leominister, Mass.

DCLI

651 CHRISTINA MARIA, daughter of (76) Catherine Becker; m. Aug. 3, 1817, at Claverack, N. Y., by Rev. Gebbard, Jacob Shultus, b. 1794; d. 1870. Issue:

707 LEVI, b. Mch. 28, 1819; d. . Single. Served in the Civil War.
708 JOHN, b. Jan. 9, 1824; d. June 29, 1892. Single.
709 CATHERINE MARIA, b. Nov. 6, 1821; m. Asa Spalding.
710 PETER, b. Apr. 6, 1826; m. Martha Benjamin.
711 ROBERT, b. Nov. 8, 1829; d. May 28, 1831.
712 HORACE, b. May 19, 1833; m. Lillian Orcott.

DCCIX

709 CATHERINE MARIA, daughter of (251) Christina M. Shultus; m. June 2, 1842, Asa Spalding, of Hoosick Falls, b. Oct. 15, 1817; d. Nov. 23, 1888. Issue:

713 ROWLAND ASA, b. Oct. 28, 1851; m. Mrs. Alice E. Crissey.
714 SARAH AUGUSTA, b. Dec. 10, 1843; m. Isaac S. Bixby.
715 CHARLES A., b. Oct. 15, 1854; m. 1st, Nettie J. Watts; m. 2nd, Emma M. Barnes.
716 WILLIS URANN, b. Mch. 16, 1846; d. Oct. 2, 1847.
717 CHRISTINA C., b. Oct. 7, 1849; d. Nov. 18, 1849.

DCCXIII

713 ROWLAND ASA, son of (709) Catherine M. Spalding; m. Oct. 28, 1886, Alice Elizabeth (Tuck) Crissey, widow of Charles Herman Crissey, and daughter of William and Catherine Elizabeth (Dean) Tuck, b. at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Apr. 20, 1853. Issue:

718 KATHLEEN TUCK, b. Nov. 3, 1887.
719 IRVING ASA, b. June 18, 1889.

Rowland A. Spalding resides No. 88 North Franklin St., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

DCCXIV

714 SARAH AUGUSTA, daughter of (709) Catherine M. Spalding; m. May 3, 1865, Isaac S. Bixby, b. Aug. 9, 1841, and had:

720 FRANCES C., b. Mch. 12, 1876; m. William F. Breen.

Isaac S. Bixby resides Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

DCCXX

720 FRANCES C., daughter of (714) Sarah A. Bixby; m. July 7, 1897, William F. Breen, b. Mch. 31, 1871, and had:

721 FRANCES W., b. July 25, 1898.

DCCXV

715 CHARLES A., son of (709) Catherine M. Spalding; m. 1st, Dec. 13, 1878, Nettie J. Watts. She d. June 17, 1881. Issue:

722 ALTA MARIA, b. May 1, 1881; d. Aug. 3, 1881.

M. 2nd, May 15, 1889, Emma M. Barnes, b. Dec. 29, 1854, and had:

723 CHARLES H. SPURGEON, b. Sept. 4, 1891.
724 NORMAN EDWARD, b. May 15, 1894.
725 WILLIE CONARD, b. Apr. 30, 1897.

Rev. Charles A. Spalding resides Hollisterville, Wayne Co., Pa.

DCCX

710 PETER, son of (251) Christina M. Shultus; m. Sept. 7, 1859, Martha Benjamin, and had:

726 ELIZABETH, b. June 20, 1860; d. Feb. 18, 1879.
727 HARRIET, b. June 21, 1861; m. Edward Carey.
728 WILLIAM, b. Aug. 18, 1863; m. Grace Livingston.

Peter Shultus resides Watervliet, N. Y.

DCCXXVII

727 HARRIET, daughter of (710) Peter Shultus; m. Oct. 31, 1883, Edward Carey, b. Feb. 24, 1862, and had:

729 BERTHA, b. Nov. 22, 1884.
730 EDNA, b. Feb. 28, 1887.

DCCXXVIII

728 WILLIAM, son of (710) Peter Shultus; m. Aug. 16, 1890, Grace Livingston, and had:

731 HAZEL INEZ, b. June, 1892; d. Oct., 1895.
732 GRACE ADA, b. Aug. 1, 1894.

DCCXII

712 HORACE, son of (251) Christina M. Shultus; m. Jan. 19, 1861, Lillian Orcott, and had:

733 EDWARD, b. Sept. 13, 1863; m. Oct. 22, 1885, Sarah Graham. No issue. Resides Utica, N. Y.
734 ELIZABETH, b. July 29, 1876; m. Aug. 31, 1898, Willard Comstock. No issue. Resides Utica.

Horace Shultus resides No. 155 Blandina St., Utica, N. Y.

CCLII

252 PETER, son of (76) Catherine Becker; m. June 7, 1834, Harriet Acly, b. Feb. 17, 1814; d. Oct. 9, 1891. Issue:

735 THOMAS, b. May 1, 1835; d. Sept. 13, 1835.
736 CRAWFORD, b. Aug. 3, 1836; m. 1st, Elizabeth Whiting; m. 2nd, Gertrude Statts; d. May 5, 1892.

DCCXXXVI

736 CRAWFORD, son of (252) Peter Becker; m. 1st, Feb. 14, 1863, Elizabeth Whiting, b. Dec. 13, 1843; d. Feb. 23, 1879. Issue:

737 HARRIET, b. May 4, 1864; m. Frederick Hallenbeck.
738 WILLIAM J., b. Jan. 14, 1871.

M. 2nd, Sept. 30, 1880, Gertrude Statts,
b. Dec. 3, 1845. No issue.

DCCXXXVII

737 HARRIET, daughter of (736) Crawford Becker; m. Feb. 27, 1889, Frederick Hallenbeck, and had:

739 EDITH, b. Aug. 14, 1891.

Frederick Hallenbeck resides Greendale, Col. Co., N. Y.

CCLIII

253 CATHERINE, daughter of (76) Catherine Becker; m. Nov. 11, 1822, Abraham Van Hoevenburg, and had:

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Abraham Van Hoevenburg resides somewhere in Wisconsin. Relatives have lost track of him. I am told that he had three children, but have been unable to obtain any trace of them.

CCLV

255 CHENEY, son of (76) Catherine Ames; m. Mch. 3, 1838, Jane Cole, b. Mch. 29, 1821, and had:

743 OSCAR, b. Aug. 11, 1839; m. Jennie L. Serrine; d. Feb. 16, 1883.
744 HARRIET, b. Apr. 13, 1842; m. May 8, 1889, John Journeay. No issue.
745 MELISSA, b. Oct. 1, 1843; m. Sept. 26, 1882, Joseph Kay. No issue.
746 ORRIN, b. Nov. 18, 1845; d. Mch. 23, 1847.
747 MATILDA, b. Apr. 2, 1848; m. Emery Freer.
748 ALICE, b. Mch. 24, 1850; m. Dec. 18, 1879, John Griffiths. No issue.

DCCXLIII

743 OSCAR, son of (255) Cheney Ames; m. Aug. 6, 1862, Jennie L. Serrine. Issue:

749 CHENEY, b. Aug., 1865; d. Aug., 1883.
750 JENNIE E., b. Mch. 28, 1868; m. Andrew Terpening.
751 ADDIE, b. Oct. 5, 1870; m. Elly Z. Parker.
752 EDITH, b. May, 1875.
753 HARRY, b. Nov. 14, 1877.
754 FRANK, b. Dec., 1878.
755 OSCAR, b.

Oscar Ames resides Esopus, N. Y.

DCCL

750 JENNIE E., daughter of (743) Oscar Ames; m. May 4, 1889, Andrew Terpening, b. Mch. 19, 1866, and had:

756 GRACE A., b. Oct. 16, 1890.
757 GROVER C., b. Oct. 23, 1892.
758 HARRY H., b. May 7, 1895.
759 IDELLA MAY, b. Dec. 8, 1897.
760 EDNA BELL, b. Oct. 6, 1899.

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751 ADDIE, daughter of (743) Oscar Ames; m. Dec. 4, 1889, Elly Z. Parker, and had:

761 JENNIE, b. Aug. 7, 1890.

Elly Z. Parker resides Esopus, N. Y.

DCCXLVII

747 MATILDA, daughter of (255) Cheney Ames; m. Sept. 28, 1869, Emery Freer. Resides Esopus. Issue:

762 TILLY A., b. Mch. 10, 1871.
763 FRED., b. May 8, 1875.
764 HATTIE, b. Sept. 10, 1878.
765 GRACE, b. Mch. 15, 1881.
766 HASBRUCK, b. Dec. 26, 1883.
767 VIVA L., b. Nov. 15, 1890.

CCLVI

256 MALINDA, daughter of (76) Catherine Ames; m. 1837, John Hogle, and had:

768 AUGUSTA, b. Apr. 8, 1842; m. Rev. David Phillips.
769 ALMINA, b. Feb. 18, 1844; d. Apr. 14, 1844.

DCCLXVIII

768 AUGUSTA, daughter of (256) Malinda Ames; m. Apr. 16, 1868, Rev. David Phillips, and had:

770 FRED. M., b. May 23, 1869; m. June 12, 1895, Nellie Saunders. Resides Newburgh. No issue.
771 AUGUSTA M., b. Aug. 29, 1872.
772 DAVID H., b. May 12, 1874; m. Georgia Wolcott.
773 JENNIE, b. May 16, 1876; m. Oct. 6, 1897, Charles H. Decker. Resides Germantown. No issue.

DCCLXXII

772 DAVID H., son of (768) Augusta Phillips; m. June 30, 1895, Georgia Wolcott. Issue:

774 WILLIAM, b. Oct. 5, 1896.
775 CLARENCE, b. Oct. 11, 1897.
776 JENNIE MAE, b. Apr. 2, 1899.

David H. Phillips resides Red Hook, N. Y.

CCLVIII

258 NORMAN C., son of (76) Catherine Ames; m. Nov. 11, 1846, Catherine Moore, b. Aug. 5, 1828. Mar. by Rev. Augustus Wacherhagen. Issue:

777 CLARENCE, b. Mch. 28, 1848; m. Alida Clum.
778 NORMAN E., b. July 11, 1850; m. Lillie Queen.
779 CHARLES H., b. Aug. 11, 1852; d. Apr. 28, 1884.
780 MARY C., b. May 25, 1857; m. Robert Schermerhorn.
781 CARRY E., b. Dec. 6, 1860; m. Dec. 25, 1897, Gilbert Terry. Resides Madalin. No issue.
782 FRANK W., b. July 16, 1863; m. Lizzie E. Miller.
783 MATILDA, b. Aug. 15, 1867; m. Nov. 27, 1890, Harry Champlain. Resides Madalin. No issue.
784 HATTIE MAY, b. May 17, 1876.

DCCLXXVII

777 CLARENCE, son of (258) Norman C. Ames; m. Dec. 5, 1878, Alida Clum, and had:

785 FLORENCE, b. Sept. 10, 1879; d. Aug. 5, 1880.
786 MARGARET PEARL, b. Aug. 5, 1887; d. Mch. 11, 1900.

DCCLXXVIII

778 NORMAN E., son of (258) Norman C. Ames; m. June 27, 1876, Lillie Queen, and had:

787 DANIEL E., b. Apr. 8, 1879.
788 MARY E., b. Sept. 25, 1880.
789 NORMAN C., } twins, b. Oct. 26, 1882.
790 LILLIE J., }
791 CHARLES M., b. Dec. 11, 1884.
792 CARRIE T., b. Sept. 25, 1886.

793 ALICE M., b. June 18, 1888.
794 FLORENCE, b. Feb. 1, 1892.
795 THEODORE O., b. Oct. 29, 1893.

I was informed, in 1900, that three of the children of Norman E. Ames had died, and that none were married. Resides Saugerties, N. Y.

DCCLXXX

780 MARY C., daughter of (258) Norman C. Ames; m. Nov. 26, 1885, Robert Schermerhorn, b. Aug. 28, 1857; d. May 16, 1896. Issue:

796 GEORGE, b. July 16, 1888; d. Sept. 28, 1888.

DCCLXXXII

782 FRANK W., son of (258) Norman C. Ames; m. Oct. 15, 1890, Lizzie E. Miller, and had:

797 MILDRED ISABEL, b. Mch. 26, 1893.
798 EDNA CATHERINE, b. Dec. 27, 1895.

Frank W. Ames resides Clifton Park, N. J.

CCLIX

259 ALIDA, daughter of (76) Catherine Ames; m. 184?, Stephen Varley, and had:

799 BERNARD, b. Jan. 10, 1846.
800 ISABELLA, b. ; m. June, 1860, Albert Lane. Resides Troy, N. Y. No issue.
801 MATILDA, b. d. y.
802 ALIDA, b. d. y.
803 MERWIN, b. d. y.

Stephen Varley resided at Vineland, N. J.

CCLX

260 MARY, daughter of (77) Peter I. Best; m. 1826, John Dakin, b. May 11, 1799; d. Oct. 3, 1875. Both buried Kinderhook, N. Y. Issue:

804 LEVI, b. Feb. 25, 1827; m. (310) Delia Eliza Best, daughter of (84) Jeremiah J. Best and Phebe Kipp; d. Mch. 17, 1900.

805 MARTHA MARIA, b. Oct. 9, 1829; m. (293) John J. Best, son of (82) Abraham Best and Harriet Van Deusen.

806 CAROLINE PHEBE, b. June 12, 1832; m. Jacob P. Packman; d. July 25, 1896.

807 ELIZABETH ANN, b. Feb. 9, 1838; d. Mch. 9, 1839.

DCCCIV

804 LEVI, son of (260) Mary Dakin; m. at Claverack, Sept. 13, 1853, (310) Delia Eliza Best, daughter of (84) Jeremiah J. Best and Phebe Kipp. Issue:

808 MARY E., b. Aug. 6, 1854; m. Smith B. Van Hoesen.

809 ARETHA A., b. Sept. 2, 1857; m. Nicholas Raeder.

810 HARRIET G., b. Dec. 7, 1864; m. Chester A. Drew.

811 CAROLINE PHEBE, b. May 30, 1868; d. Mch. 20, 1870.

DCCCV

805 MARTHA MARIA, daughter of (260) Mary Dakin; m. Nov. 13, 1850, (293) John J. Best, son of (82) Abraham Best and Harriet Van Deusen. Issue:

812 FRANK D., b. May 6, 1854; m. Nov. 24, 1875, Catherine Edwards, b. Jan. 15, 1857; resides Fort Plain, N. Y. No issue. He d. Apr. 5, 1886.

Mrs. Martha M. Best resides Round Lake, N. Y.

DCCCVI

806 CAROLINE PHEBE, daughter of (260) Mary Dakin; m. Oct. 5, 1853, Jacob P. Packman, b. Dec. 1, 1823; d. Feb. 12, 1880. Both buried at Valatie, N. Y. Issue:

813 CHARLES E., b. Jan. 1, 1857; m. Anna De Myer.
814 MARY E., b. Jan. 18, 1867; m. Jan. 24, 1894, Frank B. Smith, b. Oct. 3, 1870. No issue. Resides South Schodack, N. Y.

DCCCXIII

813 CHARLES E., son of (806) Caroline P. Packman; m. Dec. 4, 1878, Anna De Myer, daughter of Albert De Myer, b. Dec. 12, 1859, and had:

815 CAROLINE M., b. Aug. 8, 1880.
816 J. JAY, b. Apr. 27, 1885.

DCCCVIII

808 MARY E., daughter of (804) Levi Dakin; m. Oct. 4, 1882, Smith B. Van Hoesen, b. Feb. 8, 1857. Resides Niverville. Issue:

817 MABEL DELIA, b. Aug. 6, 1883.
818 HOWARD LEVI, b. Jan. 26, 1887.

DCCCIX

809 ARETHA A., daughter of (804) Levi Dakin; m. Nov. 17, 1875, Nicholas Raeder, b. Dec. 29, 1847. Resides Niverville. Issue:

819 LE ROY DAKIN, b. Dec. 30, 1856; m. Apr. 16, 1900, Elizabeth Anna Bradley. Resides White Plains, N. Y.

DCCCX

810 HARRIET G., daughter of (804) Levi Dakin; m. Dec. 27, 1892, Chester A. Drew, b. Mch. 12, 1867; d. Jan. 19, 1897. Widow resides Niverville. Issue:

820 WARREN S., b. July 5, 1895; d. Dec. 25, 1895.

CCLXII

262 JOHN MESICK, son of (77) Peter I. Best; m. 1835, at Claverack, Alida Vosburgh, daughter of Samuel Vosburgh and Sarah Herder, b. Feb. 2, 1812; d. Mch. 30, 1867. Both buried at Kinderhook. Issue:

821 MARY MESICK, b. Jan. 16, 1836; m. 1st, Sept. 3, 1861, Joseph W. Smith, M.D., b. May 3, 1834; d. Apr. 21, 1864; m. 2nd, Nov. 20, 1866, Edward Grove Miner, b. 1833; d. June 13, 1872. No issue. Buried at Kinderhook. She d. July 14, 1868.

821a CATHERINE ALIDA, b. Aug. 27, 1837; d. Mch. 25, 1858. Single.

CCLXIII

263 EPHRAIM PETER, son of (77) Peter I. Best; m. 1840, Sophia Vosburgh, daughter of Samuel Vosburgh, and a sister of Alida, who m. (262) John M. Best, b. Apr. 11, 1814; d. Oct. 29, 1883. Both bur. Kinderhook. Issue:

822 SARAH ELIZABETH, b. June 3, 1841; m. George E. Benson, M.D.

823 JOHN, b. June 20, 1843; d. Nov. 14, 1849.

824 PETER I., b. Dec. 27, 1845; m. Martha O. Merwin; d. 1890.

825 CHARLES ELMORE, b. Nov. 28, 1852; d. Sept. 29, 1861.

Ephraim P. Best spent his boyhood days on a large farm, situate about one quarter of a mile south of the "Widow Mary Livingston" place in the Town of Livingston. When about ten years of age his father purchased the Peter Bain farm in Klinekill, which was on the road leading from Valatie to Chatham. After living here a few years his father purchased a farm of nearly four hundred acres of land situate about one mile north of the village of Kinderhook, where he resided until his death, in 1846, in his seventieth year. The subject of our sketch married here, in 1840, Sophia Vosburgh, and had, as a wedding present from his father, six slaves, which he refused to accept. Owing to his father's declining health, which shortly resulted in his death, he assumed control of the farm, and the varied interests of his father which devolved upon him. In 1870, he turned over the farm to his son, (824) Peter I., and moved to Kinderhook, where he spent his remaining years in looking after his farm investments. He contributed largely of his means and strength to the upbuilding of the community and church in which he was interested. He held a lease, in consideration of one hundred dollars, paid to the Minister, Elders, and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Kinderhook, by him, to the full "enjoyment and use, for himself, his heirs and assigns, of one half of pew, No. 30, in the Brick Church, owned by the said Minister, Elders and Deacons, situate in the Village of Kinderhook, so long as the said Brick Church shall remain in the occupation and for the use of the said Minister, Elders and Deacons," subject, however, to assessments for repairs, salary, and an annual rent of ten per cent. on the valuation of said pew, which may be increased at will to equalize the value of the pew; also subject to current expenses, the aggregate sum of which the Pew-owners shall from time to time in writing assent to. In case of forfeit for non-payment of rent or assessments, after six months the pew may be sold at

auction, upon due notice posted on the front door of the Church. This certificate is dated the 23rd day of Oct., 1851, and given under the hand of the minister and the corporate seal of the Church. This church organization is one of the oldest in the State, dating prior to 1685, at which time, in the records of Albany, mention is first made of sending material (nails) for repairs to the Church at Kinderhook (see *Van Deusen Genealogy*, p. 15). As forms, like customs, change but slightly through the years, in small communities, this form or a similar one for the sale and renting of pews may have been employed very much earlier, even dating back to the organization of the Church. A very entertaining history of this old Dutch Church, which should be in every library, has been written by the Rev. Dr. E. A. Collier, for nearly half a century pastor of the congregation. A recent book of local history deplores the extravagance of modern entertainments. With flying machines and motor cars "de earth do move"; and the simple pastimes of our forefathers, in which dancing and "general training" on the "commons" were the chief amusements, and gingerbread and hard cider the rewards for proficiency, pale, indeed, to insignificance. Of these "training bands" there was one at Kinderhook, known as the "Columbia Blues," attached to the 56th Regiment, N. Y. S. Infantry, and captained by John W. Pitts, who certified, under date of Oct. 19, 1827, in a time-worn slip of paper, now in my possession, that Ephraim P. Best (then 17 years of age) had regularly enlisted, was completely equipped and uniformed, and was then a member of the company of Light Infantry under his command. The old Homestead, at which the author has spent many a delightful hour, with its vast extent of rolling country and primeval forests, about the last to feel the touch of the woodman's ruthless axe, is beautifully situated in a grove of ancient pines. The house, set back some distance from the road, is equipped

with modern and necessary appliances usually desired in a comfortable country home of the period. It is now occupied by the widow and the four children of (824) Peter I. Best, who, at "Besthurst," dispense charming hospitality to their many friends.

The obituary of Ephraim P. Best, composed by his friend, "G. S. C.," is as follows: "By the decease of Ephraim P. Best, Feb. 9, 1884, at the advanced age of seventy-four years, the community loses one of its most widely known citizens.

"As all who knew him will remember, he was unpretending in dress, frank in speech, with no dissembling, sagacious, self-reliant, ever attentive to the duty in hand, active to the last, wise in counsel, and a steadfast friend.

"At his decease he was one of the very oldest in membership of the Reformed Church of this village (Kinderhook). For many years he was a director of the National Bank of Kinderhook. In the relations of life he was distinguished for great practical common sense, sound judgment, and conservative action. Few were admitted unreservedly to his confidence, but in those who enjoyed that confidence he reposed implicit trust. His recollections of past events were exceedingly accurate, his knowledge of human nature extensive, and his observations on men and affairs shrewd, wise, and seasoned with a quaint humor peculiarly his own. The secret of his success was his practicality, directness in doing or dealing, and thorough devotedness to the work in hand. In all business transactions he was precise, methodical, and attentive to minutest details; yet, under rather an austere exterior, he carried a kindly heart, in manifold ways doing innumerable quiet and unsuspected acts of generosity and kindness. He was ever ready to assist those who seemed willing to help themselves. He scorned all hypocrisy, cant, and sham. He valued men as they were and not as they professed to be. He was a man of great force of will, clear and strong

convictions, inflexible honesty, and incorruptible integrity. Perhaps none, now living in this vicinity, preserved the republican simplicity of life of generations ago so fully as he. He was most happy amid scenes of rural peace and quietness. His beautiful farm he loved with almost paternal fondness; its broad acres of meadow and plowland; its forests of primeval growth; almost as untouched as in his father's day of sixty years ago, were his unceasing pride and delight, where he seemed to reverently commune with nature, or with some brooding spirit of restful peace and calm.

"Clinging indeed to life, he was nevertheless ready for the summons: 'The Master calleth thee.' With indescribable pathos, shortly before his decease, in response to a greeting, he said 'I am at the lowest ebb,' and now he too 'has gone out with the tide.' Farewell, true-hearted and constant friend."

DCCCXXII

822 SARAH ELIZABETH, daughter of (263) Ephraim P. Best; m. June 3, 1863, George Ellsworth Benson, M.D., b. May 7, 1829; d. May 30, 1896, and had:

826 Edward Ellsworth, b. Sept. 19, 1864.
827 Charles Best, b. July 11, 1866; m. Maude S. Mesick.

George E. Benson was born at Greenwich, Washington Co., N. Y., the third child of Joseph and Maria (Miller) Benson. After acquiring a public school education in his native town, he entered the Albany Academy, which, after two years, he left to take a course at the Albany Medical, from which he later graduated. After acquiring an education, largely through his own efforts, as his parents were unable to assist him, financially, to any extent, he left home with a horse and carriage, a small sum of money, and a

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bountiful supply of good wishes from his boyhood friends. He opened an office at Valatie, N. Y., where he married, and practised his profession for eighteen years. Seeking a larger field and surcease from the long drives, necessitated by country practice, which called him from one end of the county to the other, and made him a familiar figure to the country side when on horseback, or seated in a tall two-wheeled gig with his saddle bags strapped up behind, he moved to Hudson, N. Y., where he practised medicine and surgery for seventeen years, with success, when he sold his equipment and practice to Dr. O. H. Bradley, who had been a student in his office, and devoted himself to travel and congenial pursuits with such strength as remained to him. He died at his home in Hudson, after a protracted and painful illness, May 30, 1896, and is interred in Cedar Park Cemetery. His indomitable will and perseverance came to him, in nature's course, from a long line of fighting stock. His father was in the War of 1812, enlisting as a drummer boy, at the age of 12, and serving at Clinton and other points on the border. His grandfather, Bildad, served in the Revolutionary War, as corporal in the Albany County Militia, 13th Regt., Col. John McCrea. "N. Y. in the Revo.," p. 122. His great-grandfather, Jacob, fought with Gen. Stark, at the battle of Saratoga, and in the distribution of Bounty Rights, he was assigned to the 13th Regt., Albany County Militia, in a Co. captained by Peter Van Vort, and served through the war. "N. Y. in the Revo.," p. 234. His mother was born in the town of Claverack, and her ancestors participated in the War of Independence. The subject of our sketch traces his descent to an ancestor who came from England, and settled at Providence, R. I., about 1650, one of whose descendants fought in King Philip's War.

The obituary of Dr. George E. Benson, published in a local paper, has been added to and changed in a few minor particulars, to elucidate the text, but is quoted as though

such changes had not been made: "Sunday morning the sad news was made known that late Saturday night the venerable and widely beloved Dr. George E. Benson had passed away at his residence, No. 306 Warren Street.

"Dr. Benson, who was in his 68th year, was a graduate of the Albany Medical College, preparing for the course under the celebrated practitioners and surgeons, Drs. March and Armsby, of Albany. On leaving college he practised in Valatie, for eighteen years, from which place he came to Hudson to take the place of the well known and skillful surgeon, Dr. Pitcher. After coming to Hudson he made several extended European tours in which he reinforced his education and experience by study in hospitals and clinics of London, Paris, and Dresden; and the specialty for which he fitted himself so thoroughly, brought him, ultimately, a surgical practice which extended over Columbia and several of the adjacent counties. The Doctor's modesty kept him from mingling to any great extent in society; but there are hundreds of homes and thousands of hearts in which the memory of the humane and tender hearted gentleman and the sympathetic and skillful physician will be cherished most lovingly. The Doctor had little time for the discharge of public duties, the only office he ever held being that of Health Officer for the city of Hudson; but he had time to devote to the advancement of his profession, and was a prominent member of the Columbia County Medical Society, and its President in 1882; and a life member of the State Medical Society before whose members he frequently appeared with interesting cases for their edification. Upon the incorporation of the Hudson City Hospital, March 7, 1889, he was chosen a member of the first Board of Trustees, and was elected its first President, at a meeting of the Board, held December 17, 1889. Seven years ago, on account of failing health, he retired from active practice; and has, up to within a few weeks ago, enjoyed perfectly his well earned immunity

from the cares of his thirty years' toil in noble but exhausting labor."

As the author will probably never undertake another work of this character, and intends to distribute this book, which will be very limited in number, in the city and county where Dr. Benson labored for many years, it has been thought, not inappropriate, but of added interest, to insert herein his photograph, which was taken before his marriage, and is, indeed, the only one possessed by his family, but which portrays a fair resemblance.

DCCCXXIV

824 PETER I., son of (263) Ephraim P. Best; m. Jan. 26, 1870, Martha O. Merwin, and had:

828 LILLIAN MARIA, b. ; m. Isaac V. A. Waite.
829 BERNIE E., b. Dec. 21, 1870; d. Aug. 15, 1871.
830 VIOLA, b. Dec. 29, 1877; d. Apr. 30, 1878.
831 BURDELLA,
832 CELESTIA,
833 ERNEST,
834 DAISY,

DCCCXXVIII

828 LILLIAN MARIA, daughter of (824) Peter I. Best; m. Dec. 20, 1893, Isaac Van Allen Waite, and had:

835 HORACE,
836 HAROLD,
837 LILLIAN,
838 MARGARET,
839 WILLIAM,

Resides St. Louis, Mo.

DCCCXXVII

827 CHARLES BEST, son of (822) Sarah E. Benson; m. Oct. 9, 1901, Maude S. Mesick, b. Aug. 13, 1880. Issue:

840 Charles Best, b. Apr. 11, 1903.
841 John Mesick, b. Aug. 10, 1905.

Following the practice which I find is almost universal—and I would not deviate therefrom—in books of this kind, as on the stage, where the author or playwright appears therein, it is now in order and on the card that the author, after introducing, seriatim, with fulsome, but I trust truthful, words and phrases, the various personages in this compilation, should speak with modesty somewhat of himself. It may be taken for granted that every one, with some leisure, has a hobby, or should have; with some it is the pursuit of sport or animals, the buying of paintings and fine bindings; with others less elevating pastimes. Genealogical research has interested me for many years, and, like most diversions, has produced little profit, but much pleasure. In the search for data I have found it necessary to ally myself with a number of societies, having the same objects in view, The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, The New York Historical Society, and others with like aims. With this brief apology for inflicting another genealogical work upon the innocent but long suffering public, let us pray: "Requiescat in pace" upon the dusty shelves.

CCLXV

265 HARMON, son of (78) Henry J. Best; m. Nov. 17, 1836, Sarah Eleanor Groat, at Centreville, by Rev. J. Berger. She was b. Apr. 8, 1815; d. June 4, 1865. Issue:

842 Lysander T., b. Mch. 8, 1840; m. Deborah W. Seaman; d. Mch. 1, 1891.

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Harmon Best, in 1835, was Town Clerk of the Town of Livingston; shortly afterwards moving to Mellenville, where he became known as one of the pioneer merchants of that village, and was chosen Postmaster in 1840.

DCCCXLII

842 LYSANDER T., son of (265) Harmon Best; m. Mch. 8, 1863, Deborah W. Seaman, b. Aug. 5, 1840, and had:

843 SARAH E., b. June 15, 1865; m. Sol. Sayles; d. Jan. 3, 1900.
844 CLARA T., b. June 8, 1872; d. Jan 27, 1876.
845 WALTER M., b. Jan. 27, 1875. Resides No. 589½ Larimore St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

DCCCXLIII

843 SARAH E., daughter of (842) Lysander T. Best; m. June 1, 1887, Sol. Sayles. Issue:

846 SOL. B., b. Apr. 6, 1888.

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266 JOHN, son of (78) Henry J. Best; m. 1841, Ann Maria Cooper, and had:

847 NORMAN, b. Sept. 4, 1842; m. Annette Waterman.
848 MARY C., b. Feb. 14, 1844; m. (1109) Jeremiah I. Best, son of (311) Peter K. Best and Jane Esselstyn.
849 HENRY J., b. Oct. 20, 1845. Single.

John Best resided at Best, Rens. Co., N. Y.

DCCCXLVII

847 NORMAN, son of (266) John Best; m. Nov. 17, 1869, Annette Waterman, b. June 14, 1847; d. Mch. 5, 1877. Issue:

850 CHARLES A., b. Sept. 29, 1870.
851 JENNY E., b. Sept. 16, 1871; m. Sept. 12, 1894, Elbert Visscher; d. Aug. 4, 1895. No issue.
852 MERRITT E., b. Jan. 24, 1876.
853 LILLIAN A., b. Mch. 5, 1877; m. John Osterhout, M.D.

Norman Best resides Watervliet, N. Y.

DCCCXLVIII

848 MARY C., daughter of (266) John Best; m. Dec. 6, 1866, (1109) Jeremiah I. Best, son of (311) Peter K. Best, and had:

854 ANNA M., b. Jan. 6, 1869; m. Seward P. Cipperly.
855 HOWARD I., b. Mch. 1, 1871.
856 GRACE, b. Dec. 23, 1876; d. Jan. 20, 1877.
857 LAURA M., b. May 17, 1880.
858 EVERETT E., b. Sept. 25, 1882.

Jeremiah Best resides Brookview, Rens. Co., N. Y.

DCCCLIII

853 LILLIAN A., daughter of (847) Norman Best; m. Nov. 16, 1898, John Osterhout, M.D., b. Nov. 3, 1875, and had:

859 IRA J., b. Aug. 3, 1899.

Dr. Osterhout resides at Gilsum, New Hampshire.

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854 ANNA M., daughter of (848) Mary C. Best; m. Apr. 24, 1895, Seward P. Cipperly. Issue:

860 Clara A., b. May 20, 1897.

Seward P. Cipperly resides at Brunswick, Rens. Co., N. Y.

CCLXVII

267 SARAH M., daughter of (78) Henry J. Best; m. Apr. 19, 1836, John C. Karner, b. Jan. 6, 1805; d. Feb. 19, 1893. Issue:

861 Mary, b. Aug. 21, 1837.
862 John H., b. Sept. 16, 1841; d. June 15, 1842.
863 Cornelia, b. July 25, 1843; d. Apr. 10, 1890.
864 Sarah C., b. Jan. 16, 1849; d. Apr. 27, 1850.

John C. Karner resided at Karners, Rens. Co., N. Y. The place derived its name from him.

CCLXVIII

268 ELEANOR C., daughter of (78) Henry J. Best; m. June, 1842, Philip J. Lown, b. Jan. 27, 1818, and had:

865 David H., b. Mch. 4, 1843.
866 Eureatha D., b. Mch. 1, 1844.
867 Sarah M., b. Feb. 12, 1846.
868 Marcus M., b. Aug. 24, 1850; m. May Traver.

Philip J. Lown resided at West Sand Lake, Rens. Co.

DCCCLXVIII

868 MARCUS M., son of (268) Eleanor C. Lown; m. Jan. 19, 1878, May Traver, b. Mch. 9, 1853. Issue:

869 PHILIP A., b. Nov. 16, 1878.
870 ELIZABETH E., b. Aug. 14, 1892.

Dr. M. M. Lown resides Rhinebeck, N. Y.

CCLXIX

269 JACOB H., son of (78) Henry J. Best; m. 1st, June 20, 1842, Elizabeth Kimball, b. Jan. 1, 1823, d. Apr. 14, 1863; and had:

871 WILSON I., b. Mch. 27, 1852. Single. Resides N. Y. City.
872 ELIZABETH M., b. Oct. 25, 1854. Resides No. 244 Warren St., Boston, Mass.
873 JOHN J., b. Apr. 28, 1860. Resides Boston, Mass.

M. 2nd, Catherine Snyder, and had:

874 EDWARD DE FOREST, 1870; m.

M. 3rd, Apr. 1878, Frances Amanda Reid, and had:

875 CAROLYN, b. May 16, 1879.
876 FREDERICK, b. Jan. 16, 1881.
877 PAUL, b. Oct. 2, 1882.

Jacob H. Best was living, in 1900, at Meridian, Miss.

DCCCLXXIV

874 EDWARD DE FOREST, son of (269) Jacob H. Best; m. a San Francisco lady, and resides in California. Had two sons whose names, after diligent inquiry, I have been unable to obtain:

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270 MARGARET CHRISTINA, daughter of (80) Ephraim Best; m. Sept. 20, 1832, Edward Isaac Eno, son of Steven Eno, of Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., N. Y., b. Dec. 29, 1806, and had:

880 Augusta, b. ; m. Edward Taylor; d. Dec. 16, 1889. No issue.
881 Frank, b. ; d.
882 Edward Best, b. ; m. Matilda Bates; d. Jan. 2, 1889.
883 Henry, b. ; killed in the Civil War.

Edward I. Eno, who was only eight months old when his mother died, when a young man moved to Kinderhook, N. Y., where he married. He was a merchant for some years in Illinois. Finally settled in St. Louis, Missouri, where he died. All of his sons served in the Civil War. Henry died in the war. Edward B. and Frank both rose to the rank of Major, in the Missouri State Militia. Edward B. was commissioned Major May 8, 1862, in the 8th Regt. of cavalry, to rank from said date.

DCCCLXXXII

882 EDWARD BEST, son of (270) Margaret C. Eno; m. Matilda Bates, daughter of Atty. Genl. Bates, of Missouri. Widow resides at No. 3874 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Issue:

884 Christina, b. May 6, 1870; m. George B. Compton.
885 Edward Bates, b. July 3, 1871.
886 Julia Coalter, b. Dec. 21, 1878.
887 Matilda Bates, b. May 19, 1879.

Edward B. Eno became prominent in State and national affairs. He rose to the rank of Major in the Civil War; served on President Lincoln's Staff; and became Governor of Missouri.

DCCCLXXXIV

884 CHRISTINA, daughter of (882) Edward B. Eno; m. Nov. 7, 1893, George Britton Compton. Resides No. 6 West 102nd St., N. Y. City. Issue:

888 Coalter Bates, b. June 27, 1895.
889 Eno, b. Feb. 23, 1898.

CCLXXI

271 ELI, son of (80) Ephraim Best; m. Sept. 18, 1834, Catherine Harder, b. May 18, 1816. Both bur. Kinderhook. Issue:

890 Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 18, 1836; m. William T. King.
891 Anna Catherine, b. Jan. 8, 1838; m. 1st, Isaac E. Sharp; m. 2nd, George Feries; m. 3rd, George Davenport.
892 John Harder, b. July 11, 1841; m. Lydia Boright.
893 Richard James, b. July 18, 1843; m. Mary O. Butler.
894 Edward Payson, b. Mch. 30, 1845; m. Mary E. Wait.
895 Jenny Lee, b. Sept. 3, 1850; m. Theodore Knapp.

DCCCXC

890 MARY ELIZABETH, daughter of (271) Eli Best; m. Jan. 6, 1858, William T. King, b. Jan. 3, 1827; d. Dec. 30, 1897. Resides Saratoga, Cal. Issue:

896 CHARLES A., b. Oct. 3, 1858; m. Lillian McAllister.
897 ALICE B., b. June 12, 1862; m. William H. Blank.
898 ANNA S., b. Apr. 11, 1864; m. Frank E. Potter.

DCCCXCVI

896 CHARLES A., son of (890) Mary E. King; m. Aug. 10, 1898, Lillian McAllister, b. June 18, 1874. Issue:

899 DEBORAH, b. May 23, 1899.

DCCCXCVII

897 ALICE B., daughter of (890) Mary E. King; m. July 1893, William H. Blank, b. June 20, 1861, and had:

900 CLARENCE H., b. Mch. 17, 1897.

DCCCXCVIII

898 ANNA S., daughter of (890) Mary E. King; m. Sept. 21, 1887, Frank E. Potter, b. Aug. 23, 1864. Issue:

901 ALICE W., b. Mch. 17, 1897.

DCCCXCI

891 ANNA CATHERINE, daughter of (271) Eli Best; m. 1st, Apr. 16, 1861, Isaac E. Sharp, b. Mch. 14, 1827, d. Aug., 1869; and had:

902 CARRIE BEST, b. Mch. 25, 1867; m. Nov. 3, 1887, Walter H. Belknap. Resides Hornellsville, N. Y. No issue.

M. 2nd, George Feries, and had:

903 GEORGE L., b. June 11, 1875.

M. 3rd, George Davenport. No issue.

DCCCXCII

892 JOHN HARDER, son of (271) Eli Best; m. June 1866, Lydia Boright and had:

904 LEIGH, b. Nov. 4, 1867; m. Oct. 18, 1899, Helen Eliza Sweet, b. Feb. 6, 1870. Resides No. 170 West 171st St., N. Y. City.
905 FREDERICK E., b. Nov. 21, 1869.
906 HENRY MORRIS, b. Jan. 4, 1874.
907 JOHN TOBEY, b. Feb. 14, 1876.
908 KATHERINE EUNICE, b. Oct. 10, 1881.

John Harder Best was a resident of Chatham, where his children were born, some of whom still reside there. His son (904) Leigh, pronounced "Lee," acquired his education at the public schools of Chatham. After his graduation he went to New York City where he obtained a position on the clerical force of the New York Central Railroad, at the Grand Central Station. By close application and marked ability in the performance of his duties he soon came under the notice of President S. R. Callaway, who made him his private secretary. With the completion of the executive staff of the American Locomotive Company, of which S. R. Callaway was chosen president, Leigh Best was elected secretary and assistant to the president. He was warmly urged by President Newman, the successor of Callaway in the Central, to retain his old position, but Mr. Callaway was able to offer him a broader field of action. He is now vice-president of the American Locomotive Company, one of the largest aggregations of capital in the country. We may point with pride to another son of old Columbia.

DCCCXCIII

893 RICHARD JAMES, son of (271) Eli Best; m. Feb.

10, 1875, Mary Ora Butler, b. Aug. 17, 1853. Resides No. 75 West 34th St., Bayonne, N. J. Issue:

909 EDYTHE M., b. Dec. 12, 1875; m. Frederick A. MacMaster.
910 ROYAL G., b. Aug. 12, 1878.
911 FRANK E., b. Feb. 8, 1884.

CMIX

909 EDYTHE M., daughter of (893) Richard J. Best; m. Jan. 16, 1899, Frederick A. MacMaster, b. July 7, 1875. Resides Bayonne, N. J. Issue.

912 WALLACE B., b. Oct. 2, 1899; d. Mch. 2, 1900.

DCCCXCIV

894 EDWARD PAYSON, son of (271) Eli Best; m. Sept. 9, 1874, Mary Emma Wait, and had:

913 } NELLIE EMMA, b. Dec. 9, 1875; d. Dec. 24, 1881.
914 } EDWARD LEON, b. Dec. 9, 1875.
915 GEORGE WAIT, b. Feb. 22, 1877.

DCCCXCV

895 JENNY LEE, daughter of (271) Eli Best; m. Jan. 3, 1872, Theodore Knapp, b. Sept 3, 1837; d. May 17, 1898. Resides Chatham, N. Y. Issue:

916 NELLIE EMMA, b. Aug. 13, 1873.

CCLXXII

272 JAMES, son of (80) Ephraim Best; m. 1852, Mary A. Chubb. Bur. Chatham, N. Y. Issue:

917 ARTHUR JAMES, b. Aug. 26, 1854; m. Helen M. Stearns; d. Oct. 11, 1894.

918 EMMA LOUISE, b. Apr. 11, 1857; m. Henry D. Haven.
919 GEORGE BETHUNE, b. Dec. 25, 1859; m. Kate L. Dana.
920 JAMES B., b. Mch. 31, 1864; m. Gertrude Delprat.

James Best spent his early years in the Town of Johnstown, on his father's farm. We find in the minutes of the Church there that he had removed from the bounds of the congregation, Aug. 11, 1838, and that Peter Potts was elected Deacon of the Church in his stead. On Oct. 4, 1840, retaining his membership in the Church, he was appointed Delegate to attend the regular meeting of the classis to be held at Glenham, on the 27th inst. He had been twice Elder of the Church. He removed to Chatham, where he married, and spent the remaining years of his life.

CMXVII

917 ARTHUR JAMES, son of (272) James Best; m. Jan. 15, 1881, at Chatham, Helen May Stearns. Resides Chatham. Issue:

921 FURBER FRANKLIN, b. May 7, 1882.
922 DORIS W., b. Nov. 11, 1884.
923 AGNEW, b. July 19, 1894.

CMXVIII

918 EMMA LOUISE, daughter of (272) James Best; m. Feb. 5, 1884, Henry Dwight Haven, b. Oct. 8, 1852. Resides Plainfield, N. J. Issue:

924 WINIFRED, b. Mch. 20, 1885.
925 ELOISE, b. Dec. 29, 1887.
926 ALICE, b. Apr. 21, 1888.

CMXIX

919 GEORGE BETHUNE, M.D., son of (272) James Best; m. Dec. 3, 1889, Kate Louise Dana. Resides No. 34 Church St., Englewood, N. J. Issue:

927 KATHERINE HAVEN, b. Oct. 29, 1890; d. June 12, 1891.
928 MARJORIE DANA, b. Nov. 24, 1891.
929 HELEN CRITTENDEN, b. May 29, 1893.
930 GEORGE BETHUNE, b. Mch. 29, 1898.

CMXX

920 JAMES B., son of (272) James Best; m. Oct. 30, 1890, Gertrude Delprat, and had two children, who d. in infancy:

931 , b. d. y.
932 , b. d. y.

James Best resides at Everett, Wash. When very young, his parents having passed away, he went to live with his aunts, the Misses Best, at Kinderhook, where he attended the Academy, from which he graduated at a very early age. As a youth he had shown great aptitude for languages and literature; and, after receiving his degree at college, he decided to devote his career to literary pursuits. He first assumed the management of a newspaper at Spokane, Wash., which he conducted for some years with great success. He afterwards moved to Tacoma to take the entire charge of and edit the principal newspaper of that city, in which he was also financially interested. His business ventures, added to his newspaper work, have brought him wealth and prestige, so that, to-day, his name is well known in that part of the West. The "Best Block," one of the largest stone and brick buildings in Tacoma, is one of the monuments to his enterprise. He resides in a

beautiful home at Everett, is somewhat interested in society, but devotedly attached to his newspaper enterprises, from which he would be loth to part, as by them he has made his calling and election sure.

CCLXXIII

273 JARED, son of (80) Ephraim Best; m. Dec. 21, 1854, Malinda Holmes Paul, b. Mch. 20, 1835, and had:

933 Lizzie Augusta, b. June 28, 1856.
934 Willis James, b. Sept. 14, 1858; m. June 10, 190?, Mrs. Sally Robinson Creighton, sister of Alfred Judson Robinson, of Bangor, Maine. She had a daughter, Dorothy, who has taken the name of Best.
935 Lucius Ephraim, b. Nov. 20, 1863.
936 Jared Frank, b. Nov. 4, 1865; d. July 4, 1890.
937 Marie Louise, b. July 8, 1873.

Jared Best in his early days was actively engaged in the manufacture of paper near Chatham Village. In 1840 he was conducting a mercantile business there. Upon the incorporation and construction of the Masonic Building he was chosen its first vice-president. He was tall and dignified of stature, and affable and genial in business and social relations. He passed away, suddenly, while superintending the work of the farm, in which he was actively interested to the last, at his beautiful home, "Highland Farms," near Chatham Village, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. His son (936) Jared Frank, better known as Frank, to distinguish him from his father, early moved to Mobile, Alabama, where he engaged in the lumber industry, and, at the time of his death, had acquired the reputation of being one of the most expert judges of lumber in the South. He died at his home in Mobile, of a fever indigenous to the South, at the early age of thirty-

five years, and his remains were interred in the Rural Cemetery at Chatham. (934) Willis James attended the public schools at Chatham, after which he entered Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie. After graduation he accepted a clerical position in a bank at Chatham, which he held for a year, when he went to Forest City, Iowa, and served in the same capacity in a bank in that city. Following this be engaged in the railroad business at Chicago, which occupied him for two years, when he went to Denver and continued in the same business for two and a half years. He is now interested in ocean transportation, and largely in mining and smelting industries in Mexico. Is president of one of the largest copper mines in New Mexico. Is vice-president and director of one of the coast lines of steamships plying between New York and Mexican ports. Has been vice-president and is now a director of the City Club, one of the wealthiest clubs in New York City. He spends most of his leisure time on his estate, "Highland Farms," situate about two miles north of Chatham Village, where, in the breeding of Guernsey cattle and fine horses, he finds his chief delight. The house, placed on an eminence commanding a wide extent of view, has been elaborately decorated by well known artists, and is amply equipped for the entertainment of city guests, where, in season, they find the essentials of a city home combined with the pleasures of outdoor life. Office address, No. 27 William St., N. Y. City.

CCLXXIV

274 RICHARD, son of (80) Ephraim Best; m. 1843, Eliza Wright, and had:

938 WALTER JOSEPH, b. ; m.
939 RICHARD J., b.

CMXXXVIII

938 WALTER JOSEPH, son of (274) Richard Best; m.; about 25 years ago, resided in Brooklyn; had two children:

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CCLXXV

275 JOHN ELI, son of (80) Ephraim Best; m. Dec. 14, 1858, Maria H. Cook, b. June 22, 1830. Issue:

942 , d. y., unnamed.
943 EPHRAIM IRA, b. July 5, 1861; d. Nov. 4, 1863.
944 CYRUS WILLIAMS, b. Apr. 22, 1865; m. June 20. 1900, Frances McCracken.
945 JOHN ELI, b. Dec. 6, 1866; m. June 10, 1891, May Roblin. Resides Chicago, Ill. No issue.
946 MARY ABBIE, b. Sept. 28, 1875; d. July 3, 1877.

(944) Cyrus W. Best, in his youth, showed marked musical talent, which his parents deemed wise to develop. As a composer and pianist he has been eminently successful in his chosen profession. After graduating from the Oberlin (Ohio) Conservatory of Music, in 1890, he went from there directly to Leipzig, Germany, where he studied, for three years, at that famous Conservatory of Music, with the well known teacher, Herr Prof. Martin Krause, the great European musical critic. In 1895 he went abroad again for further travel and study. He has had several years' experience in successfully managing large conservatories, and for some years conducted the C. W. Best Concert Company. The Chicago "Journal of Fine Arts" says this of him: "In few cities of America are there as many talented performers on the pianoforte as in Chicago, and among

these C. W. Best stands out prominently as a soloist." For some years he was the director of the Kankakee (Illinois) Conservatory of Music, and a teacher of piano, pipe organ, theory, and musical history, with over two hundred students in attendance, in 1900. Receiving offers of larger remuneration and greater scope for his activities, he accepted, in 1902, the directorship of the Waynesburg College Conservatory of Music, at Waynesburg, Pa., where he is now located. His wife, Frances McCracken Best, is also an excellent musician, and teacher of harp and piano. She was a pupil of the celebrated harpist, Mrs. Clara Murray, and the eminent Danish pianist, Mr. August Hyllested. She has been a most successful teacher in every way, as well as a concert performer.

CCLXXIX

279 AMBROSE SPENCER, son of (80) Ephraim Best; m. Apr. 2, 1861, Amelia Ann Reed. She d. Mch. 14, 1888. Issue.

947 MINNIE IDA, b. Mch. 12, 1862; d. Nov. 14, 1892.

948 ABBIE MERINDA, b. Sept. 15, 1863; m. Jan. 5, 1897, R. D. Redfern. No issue. Resides No. 15 West 26th St., N. Y. City.

949 CHARLES ALBERT, b. Sept. 6, 1865; m. Feb. 14, 1900, Sarah Watt. Office No. 77 Murray St., N. Y. City.

CCLXXX

280 CATHERINE ELIZA, daughter of (81) David Best; m. Dec. 31, 1829, John B. Reynolds, b. Aug. 16, 1806; d. June 27, 1885. Both bur. at Kinderhook. Issue:

950 JOHN L., b. Sept. 28, 1830; m. Eliza M. Fritts; d. Jan. 1, 1893.

951 EDWIN R., b. Nov. 28, 1834; m. Frances A. Green; d. Dec. 21, 1872.

952 THADDEUS C. S., b. June 10, 1836; m. (660) Eveline Reynolds, daughter of (250) Margaret Reynolds; d. May 30, 1891.

953 ELLEN E., b. Dec. 10, 1837; m. David P. Goold.

954 MARGARET E., b. Jan. 21, 1840; m. 1st, Loren H. Goold; m. 2nd, George W. Raughtmaker.

955 LYDIA, b. Nov., 1842; d. Mch. 12, 1843.

956 MARY W., b. Mch. 12, 1843.

957 MARY F., b. Feb. 14, 1846; m. 1st, Edmund M. Knapp; 2nd, George Gillet, b. May 17, 1846.

958 LYDIA M., b. Oct. 10, 1846; d. May 29, 1857.

CML

950 JOHN L., son of (280) Catherine E. Reynolds; m. 1856, Eliza M. Fritts, and had:

959 ADA B., b. ; m. Thomas Russell. Resides Newton, Kansas.

CMLI

951 EDWIN R., son of (280) Catherine E. Reynolds; m. Apr. 7, 1866, Frances A. Green, b. Feb. 3, 1847; d. Jan. 9, 1879, and had:

960 MARY E., b. Jan. 1, 1867; m. George Wright.

CMLX

960 MARY E., daughter of (951) Edwin R. Reynolds; m. May 31, 1887, George Wright. Resides Valatie. Issue:

961 GEORGE E., b. Apr. 2, 1888.
962 ELLA F., b. Nov. 8, 1889.
963 } MAY M., b. Dec. 19, 1894; d. Nov. 26, 1895.
964 } RAY R., b. Dec. 19, 1894; d. Mch. 29, 1896.

CMLII

952 THADDEUS C. S., son of (280) Catherine E. Reynolds; m. Nov. 27, 1860, (660) Eveline Reynolds, daughter of (250) Margaret Reynolds. Resides Chatham. Issue:

965 TILLEVA, b. Oct. 10, 1861; d. Oct. 24, 1861.
966 WILLIAM L., b. Jan. 25, 1865; d. Apr. 12, 1886.
967 MARGARET, b. Feb. 1, 1870; d. May 1, 1870.

CMLIII

953 ELLEN E., daughter of (280) Catherine E. Reynolds; m. Feb. 24, 1869, David P. Goold, b. Aug. 29, 1832; d. Feb. 27, 1892. Resided Hillsdale, Mich. Issue:

968 NETTIE M., b. Oct. 13, 1870; m. Feb. 4, 1897, Henry D. Crandall. Resides Hillsdale, Mich. No issue.
969 ELIZA LORA, b. June 9, 1874; m. Alvondo Carter.
970 DAVID P., b. Aug. 29, 1878.

CMLXIX

969 ELIZA LORA, daughter of (953) Ellen E. Goold; m. Mch. 29, 1891, Alvondo Carter. Resides Hillsdale, Mich. Issue:

971 OSCAR, b. Nov. 26, 1891.
972 EVA, b. Dec. 21, 1893.
973 WALTER H., b. Jan. 13, 1899.

CMLIV

954 MARGARET E., daughter of (280) Catherine E. Reynolds; m. 1st, Oct. 24, 1867, Loren H. Goold, b. May 21, 1842, d. Sept. 11, 1873; and had:

974 BURDELLA J., b. Sept. 3, 1869; d. Oct. 10, 1870.
975 JOHN L., b. Apr. 17, 1872; m. Apr. 2, 1900, Asenath Peterson. Resides Phila., Penn.

M. 2nd, George W. Raughtmaker. Resides Kinderhook. No issue.

CMLVII

957 MARY F., daughter of (280) Catherine E. Reynolds; m. 1st, Oct. 24, 1867, Edmund M. Knapp, b. Apr. 17, 1833; d. Nov. 29, 1888. Issue:

976 ELLA MAY, b. Oct. 29, 1869; d. Apr. 20, 1870.

M. 2nd, May 3, 1894, George Gillet, b. May 17, 1846. No issue. Resides Lebanon Spa, N. Y.

CCLXXXII

282 JACOB L., son of (81) David Best; m. May 2, 1844, by Rev. A. Farr, Emma Angell, b. July 28, 1822, and had:

977 DORWIN A., b. Nov. 6, 1850; d. May 1, 1857.
978 FRANK B., b. Jan. 1, 1853; d. Dec. 15, 1859.

Jacob L. Best was a life-long resident of Chatham, where he married Emma Angell, a daughter of John Angell, who is still living there at an advanced age. Mrs. Best, who has devoted much time to genealogical research, traces her descent from Sir Francis Drake. At the death of Jacob L. Best, the following memorial was unanimously adopted by the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church of

which he was a member: "Whereas, our beloved brother and co-laborer, Jacob L. Best, has been called by that voice whose summons we must all obey, therefore be it resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we sincerely feel our loss, ever bearing in mind his long and useful life among us. In his official capacity he freely gave of his time and means in the interest of the church he so much loved; and, when in health, was always found in attendance upon the devotional meetings, not only bearing testimony of the goodness of our Heavenly Father, but at the same time, kindly, but earnestly urging all to give themselves into His care and keeping. Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to our sister in this her great affliction, also Resolved, That in respect to his memory and life work, the above be spread upon the minutes of the church and a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased brother."

CCLXXXIII

283 MARGARET M., daughter of (81) David Best; m. Henry A. Hoysradt, b. 1818; d. Oct. 8, 1884. Issue:

979 Mary F., b. Dec. 8, 1844; d. Feb. 24, 1864.
980 David Best, b. Aug. 22, 1847; m. Mary Merwin, sister of Martha O. Merwin, who m. (824) Peter I. Best. He d. Apr. 7, 1901. Resided Brooklyn, N. Y.
981 Ellen Jane, b. Feb. 18, 1848; d. Oct. 27, 1848.

Henry A. Hoysradt served as Supervisor of the Town of Kinderhook, in 1848.

CCLXXXV

285 DAVID, son of (81) David Best; m. Apr. 20, 1858, Ellen Fitzgerald, b. Sept. 15, 1837; d. Oct. 26, 1885. Issue:

982 FANNIE E., b. June 1, 1859.
983 CHARLES D., b. May 28, 1861; m. Mattie Deyo; d. Mch. 1895.
984 GEORGE M., b. Nov. 7, 1862; m. Oct. 12, 1892, Ada P. Potts. No issue. Resides No. 128 Union Hall St., Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.
984a MARGARET, b. Mch. 25, 1868.

CMLXXXIII

983 CHARLES D., son of (285) David Best; m. Oct. 9, 1887, Mattie Deyo. Resides No. 85 Clinton Ave., Albany, N. Y. Issue:

985 EMMA C., b. Aug. 12, 1888.

CCLXIX

269 WILLIAM CUSHING, son of (81) David Best; m. Oct. 9, 1856, Caroline Niver, b. June 10, 1839; d. Apr. 6, 1886. Resides Warren, Mass. P. O. Box 227. Adopted Ada B., b. Oct. 10, 1869. Has had the following:

986 CAROLINE, b. Sept. 11, 1857; m. 1st, Samuel K. Van Alstyn; m. 2nd, Nov. 6, 1895, Dennis Totell. Resides Leominster, Mass. She d. Nov. 29, 1897.
987 WILLIAM C., b. Mch. 4, 1859; d. Dec. 23, 1859.
988 HENRY N., b. Sept. 27, 1860; m. Emma J. Knapp.
989 DAVID, b. Sept. 12, 1863; m. Feb. 14, 1894, Clara Wentrick, b. Sept. 12, 1853; d. Sept. 11, 1899. No issue. Resides No. 12 Albany St., North Albany, N. Y.
990 PHŒBE M., b. Sept. 13, 1865; m. F. H. Ashton.
991 MARGARET, b. Oct. 1, 1867; m. Luther L. Bates.

CMLXXXVI

986 CAROLINE, daughter of (269) William C. Best; m. 1st, June 18, 1876, Samuel K. Van Alstyn, b. Oct. 17, 1849; d. Apr. 12, 1890, and had:

992 IRVING, b. Apr. 10, 1878.
993 NETTIE, b. Feb. 1, 1880; d. July 2, 1882.
994 SAMUEL T., b. Oct. 28, 1881.
995 EVA M., b. Dec. 7, 1883.
996 NELSON L., b. Oct. 19, 1886.
997 MAUD, b. June 9, 1889.

M. 2nd, Dennis Totell. No issue.

CMLXXXVIII

988 HENRY N., son of (269) William C. Best; m. Dec. 17, 1884, Emma J. Knapp, b. Dec. 6, 1857. Resides Van Hoesens, Rens. Co., N. Y. Issue:

998 MABEL P., b. Feb. 8, 1889; d. Jan. 16, 1890.
999 GRACE L., b. Mch. 13, 1891.
1000 CHARLES H., b. Apr. 23, 1894.

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990 PHŒBE M., daughter of (269) William C. Best; m. Jan. 2, 1889, F. H. Ashton, b. Dec. 29, 1861, and had:

1001 CLARENCE A., b. Feb. 14, 1890.
1002 ALBERT J., b. Nov. 7, 1891.

F. H. Ashton resides No. 2415 South 17th St., Omaha, Neb.

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991 MARGARET, daughter of (269) William C. Best; m. July 14, 1880, Luther L. Bates, b. June 15, 1863. Issue:

1003 NELLIE BLANCHE, b. May 10, 1883; d. July 8, 1883.
1004 STELLA MAY, b. July 5, 1885.
1005 DAVID RAY, b. Oct. 21, 1893.
1006 MAUDIE ETHLOWENE, b. Sept. 12, 1897.

Luther L. Bates resides Bassett, Rock Co., Neb.

CCXC

290 CHRISTINA, daughter of (82) Abraham Best; m. Aug. 20, 1834, Richard T. Esmond, b. at Saratoga Spa, Sept. 3, 1804; d. May 10, 1892. Issue:

1007 ELLEN J. B., b. July 15, 1835; m. July 15, 1860, Hermance Haight Ferris, b. July 23, 1838. Resides Ballston Spa, N. Y. No issue.
1008 RICHARD BEST, b. July 11, 1855; d. Jan. 15, 1860.

Richard T. Esmond resided Ballston Spa, N. Y.

CCXCI

291 MARGARET, daughter of (82) Abraham Best; m. Nov. 5, 1839, William Bigelow, b. at Pawlet, Vt., Apr. 1, 1814; d. June 6, 1872, and had:

1009 JOHN B., b. Aug. 6, 1840; m. Katherine Wager.
1010 FRANCES HARRIET, b. ; m. George Kilmer.
1011 GEORGE W., b. 1845; d. 1865. Single.
1012 SARAH JANE, b. Dec. 29, 1853; m. June 5, 1879, Charles E. Beckwith. Resides Salem, Wash. Co., N. Y. No issue.
1013 JAMES, b. 1855; d. 1888. Single.

(1011) George W. Bigelow served in the Civil War, enlisting in a company at New York City, at eighteen years of

age. He was killed in the battle at Spottsylvania Court House, 1865.

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1009 JOHN B., son of (291) Margaret Bigelow; m. Feb. 20, 1867, Katherine Wager, b. 1851; d. Feb. 3, 1898. Issue:

1014 GEORGE HEAMAN, b. July 11, 1868.
1015 ARTHUR JOHN, b. Aug. 14, 1872; m. 189?. Resides 1010½ Hyde St., San Francisco, Cal.
1016 GRACE, b. Dec. 25, 1881; d. Nov. 24, 1894.

John B. Bigelow resides No. 221 West 148th St., N. Y. City.

MX

1010 FRANCES HARRIET, daughter of (291) Margaret Bigelow; m. George Kilmer. Resides Lansingburg, N. Y. Issue:

1017 ALLEN E.,

CCXCII

292 CORNELIA CAROLINE, daughter of (82) Abraham Best; m. Nov. 5, 1839, Lewis De Groff, b. June 9, 1816; d. June 1, 1895. Bur. Mechanicsville, N. Y. Widow resides No 12 North 9th St., Newark, N. J. Issue:

1018 HENRIETTA I., b. Oct. 3, 1840; m. Abraham M. Spain.
1019 OPHELIA L., b. Feb. 3, 1842; m. Hubert P. Main.
1020 ABRAHAM BEST, b. Nov. 15, 1843; d. Aug. 3, 1865.

1021 Adella Virginia, b. Feb. 19, 1848; d. Nov. 22, 1849.

1022 Arthur L., b. Dec. 5, 1851; m. Mary H. Dashiel.

1023 Serena A., b. Oct. 7, 1856; m. Oct. 3, 1885, George W. Dederick. No issue.

In searching through old records the author happened upon the following, which is inserted here for the interest it may convey, and not for the purpose of establishing descent; Apr. 15, 1735, Jacobus Vandenbogert, of Dutchess Co., yeoman, and wife, and Mydert vandenbogert, of the same Co., and wife, in consideration of £100, conveyed to Jan de Graeff (Groff), of said Co., land in "pouchg-keepsinck," on Fall Creek, adjoining the land of the widow of John Kip, deceased, also of Col. Leonard Lewis, then late of Dutchess Co., deceased, and of Baltus Van Kleeck, then late &c., deceased, and then in possession of Franc Filkin, excepting and reserving the mill creek, called Fall Kill, and a road down to the mill. The property deeded was situate at Poughkeepsie, in Dutchess Co., N. Y., where Jan de Graeff then resided. The spelling is retained; the names are easily recognized. May 5, 1738, Bartholomeus Hogeboom, of Dutchess Co., Carpenter, and "Saramynwyf," in consideration of "eyty pounds currant money of the provence of New Yorck," conveyed to John De Graef, of said Co., "Coerdwyner," land at "poghkeepsinck" (they certainly had a hard time with that word), butted and bounded on the south "syde" of the land of Walter Van Kleeck, and extending to the river, which tract was deeded to said Hogeboom by Myndert Harmonse, and Helena, his wife, in July, 1709.

From a map of the village of Poughkeepsie, made from a survey of Henry Livingston, May 10, 1799, we find that a De Graff resided on the ' Upper Landing Road." Local historians say that he was one of the earliest of the Dutch settlers. The last village President of Poughkeepsie was

Jacob De Groff, 1853–4. It is probable that the descendants of Lewis De Groff will find their earliest ancestor here.

MXVIII

1018 HENRIETTA I., daughter of (292) Cornelia C. De Groff; m. Apr. 20, 1871, Abraham M. Spain, and had:

1024 Lewis Best, b. Mch. 19, 1872; m. Florence E. Darrow.
1025 Ward K., b. Apr. 23, 1873; m. Clara V. Smith.
1026 Chauncey Hayes, b. July 17, 1875; m. Oct. 6, 1897, Zella Opal Lane, b. Mch. 29, 1878, at West Mansfield, Ohio. Mar. by Rev. C. W. Lane, at Lykens, Ohio. No issue.

Abraham M. Spain resides at North Lewisburg, Champaign Co., Ohio, where his children also reside.

MXXIV

1024 LEWIS BEST, son of (1018) Henrietta I. Spain; m. Oct. 19, 1893, Florence Eveline Darrow, b. at Woodstock, Ohio, June 23, 1876. Mar. by Rev. J. W. Henly, of Woodstock. Issue:

1027 Velma Cliffe, b. Dec. 10, 1894.

MXXV

1025 WARD K., son of (1018) Henrietta I. Spain; m. Nov. 6, 1895, Clara Virginia Smith, b. Aug. 11, 1875, at Gardner, Kansas. Mar. by Rev. J. W. Miller, at North Lewisburg, Ohio, and had:

1028 Walter Kyle, b. Sept. 5, 1896.

MXIX

1019 OPHELIA L., daughter of (292) Cornelia C. De Groff; m. Sept, 18, 1865, Hubert P. Main, b. Aug. 17, 1839. Issue:

1029 CARRY V., b. Nov. 18, 1866.
1030 LEWIS ARTHUR, b. July 24, 1868; d. Sept. 14, 1868.
1031 LUCIUS C., b. Mch. 1, 1874; m. Etta S. Burke,
1032 HUBERT DE GROFF, b. Dec. 2, 1884.

Hubert P. Main is a member of the publishing firm of Biglow & Main, publishers, for many years of the well-known *Gospel Hymns*, church hymnals, and Sunday-school books. It is probably the largest concern in the country dealing exclusively in the publication of church books and periodicals. Mr. Main resides at No. 12 North 9th St., Newark, N. J.

MXXXI

1031 LUCIUS C., son of (1019) Ophelia L. Main; m. July 26, 1899, Etta Stuart Burke, and had:

1033 STUART DE GROFF, b. June 3, 1900.

MXXII

1022 ARTHUR L., son of (292) Cornelia C. De Groff; m. Jan. 22, 1879, Mary H. Dashiel, and had:

1034 CORNELIA B., b. Oct. 15, 1883.
1035 ARTHUR D., b. Apr. 17, 1885.
1036 ROBERT L., b. Jan. 9, 1890.
1037 MARY E., b. Aug. 29, 1894.
1038 ROBERT L. D., b. Feb. 18, 1880; d. Mch. 1880.

Arthur L. De Groff resides No. 240 Roseville St., Newark, N. J.

CCXCIV

294 ABRAHAM, son of (82) Abraham Best; m. Sept. 19, 1848, Sarah Staats, b. Sept. 29, 1829, and had:

1039 JOHN ALLEN, b. Feb. 25, 1850; m. Hattie Irish.
1040 ANNA MARIA, b. Aug. 31, 1851; m. Isaac Roff.
1041 MARY ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 20, 1853; m. Gilbert Mitchell.
1042 HELENE JANE, b. Feb. 8, 1856.
1043 LORAINE T., b. Oct. 21, 1859; m. Alexander T. Nolton.
1044 MILLER, b. Dec. 16, 1863; m. Jennie Vandenburgh.
1045 NELLIE, b. Feb. 24, 1871.

Abraham Best resides Vischer's Ferry, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

MXXXIX

1039 JOHN ALLEN, son of (294) Abraham Best; m. June 15, 1887, Hattie Irish, and had:

1046 JENNESS, b. July 1888.
1047 HELEN, b. June 1896.

John A. Best resides Colonie, N. Y.

MXL

1040 ANNA MARIA, daughter of (294) Abraham Best; m. Oct. 4, 1870, Isaac Roff, b. Dec. 20, 1840, and had:

1048 FREDERICK A., b. May 22, 1874.
1049 SARAH ELOISE, b. Apr. 30, 1879.

1050 ALLEN ARCHILAND, b. Mch. 20, 1881.
1051 HELENA ELIZA, b. Dec. 1, 1886.

Isaac Roff resides No. 217 Main St., Cohoes, N. Y.

MXLI

1041 MARY ELIZABETH, daughter of (294) Abraham Best; m. Jan. 1, 1888, Gilbert Mitchell, and had:

1052 LEWIS, b. Jan. 1, 1890.

Gilbert Mitchell resides Boston, Mass.

MXLIII

1043 LORAINE T., daughter of (294) Abraham Best; m. Oct. 28, 1885, Alexander T. Nolton, Resides Cohoes N. Y. Issue:

1053 WILFRED, b. Jan. 7, 1888.

MXLIV

1044 MILLER, son of (294) Abraham Best; m. Oct. 15, 1884, Jennie Vandenburgh. Resides Vischer's Ferry, N. Y. Issue:

1054 CARRY ESTELLA, b. Oct. 7, 1887.

CCVC

295 HENRY MESICK, son of (82) Abraham Best; m. Dec. 19, 1849, by Rev. C. Frazier, Sylvia Brockway, b. June 12, 1830. Resides Clifton Park, N. Y. Issue:

1055 GEORGE P., b. Oct. 20, 1850; d. Dec 1, 1859.
1056 OLIVE ANN, b. Feb. 27, 1853; m. Charles Silvernail.
1057 ELLA ENDORA, b. June 6, 1870; m. Frank Staley.

MLVI

1056 OLIVE ANN, daughter of (295) Henry M. Best; m. June 12, 1872, Charles Silvernail, and had:

1058 ETTA BEST, b. Nov. 5, 1879; m. James N. Vischer.

MLVIII

1058 ETTA BEST, daughter of (1056) Olive A. Silvernail; m. 1895, James Nessle Vischer. Issue:

1059 HAROLD, b. Aug. 16, 1898.

MLVII

1057 ELLA ENDORA, daughter of (295) Henry M. Best; m. Dec. 19, 1880, Frank Staley, and had:

1060 HERMAN BEST, b. Feb. 5, 1892,

CCXCVII

297 SARAH CATHERINE, daughter of (82) Abraham Best; m. Oct. 5, 1859, John Fellows. He d. Apr. 6, 1892. Issue:

1061 HERBERT B., b. Nov. 20, 1860; m. Minnie C. Ives; d. Dec. 5, 1899.

MLXI

1061 HERBERT B., son of (297) Sarah C. Fellows; m. Sept. 21, 1889, Minnie C. Ives, b. Jan. 5, 1863, and had:

1062 GORDON R., b. Apr. 6, 1891.

Herbert B. Fellows resided at Scarsboro, N. Y., and

was murdered by robbers while in the discharge of his duties.

CCXCVIII

298 MARGARET M., daughter of (83) Sarah Murray; m. May 7, 1846, George Haywood, b. at Hillsdale, June 19, 1822; d. Mch. 28, 1898. Resides Clinton, Iowa. Issue:

1063 MURRAY, b. July 4, 1852; m. Anna W. Scott.
1064 GEORGE, b. May 23, 1855; m. Oct. 1891, Rose Case, of Madison, Wis. No issue. Resides Clinton, Iowa.
1065 WILLIAM M., b. May 23, 1865; m. Margaret A. Crine.

MLXIII

1063 MURRAY, son of (298) Margaret M. Haywood; m. Oct. 14, 1880, Anna Webb Scott, of Davenport, Iowa. Issue:

1066 MARGARET, b. Aug. 5, 1881.
1067 CLARA AMANDA, b. Jan. 20, 1883.
1068 MURRAY, b. Sept. 16, 1884.
1069 ALVIN EUGENE, b. Jan. 25, 1887.
1070 MILDRED ALICE, b. June 8, 1893.

Murray Haywood resides at Clinton, Iowa.

MLXV

1065 WILLIAM M., son of (298) Margaret M. Haywood; m. at Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y., Sept. 20, 1887, Margaret Addie Crine, b. at Wayland, May 29, 1862, daughter of Christian and Catherine Crine, of Wayland, Steuben Co., N. Y. Resides Moline, Rock Island Co., Illinois, at No. 344 7th St. Issue:

1071 MARY MARGARET, b. June 11, 1889.
1072 RHEA EDNA. b. May 15, 1892.

CCCIII

303 WILLIAM, son of (83) Sarah Murray; m. Jan. 31, 1866, Julia Dorr, b. July 17, 1836. Resides Hillsdale, N. Y. Issue:

1073 JOSEPH D., b. Aug. 22, 1869. Single.

CCCIV

304 HENRY W., son of (83) Sarah Murray; m. Nov. 11, 1851, Julia Weed, b. June 4, 1825; d. Aug. 17, 1894. Issue:

1074 WILLIAM, b. Aug. 14, 1852; m. Minnie M. Murray.
1075 FRANK P., b. Nov. 17, 1853. Office No. 105 Fulton St., N. Y. City.
1076 MARY A., b. Sept. 27, 1855.
1077 JULIA E., b. Dec. 14, 1862; m. John Neal; d. Apr. 27, 1898.
1078 MARTHA, b. Apr. 5, 1870; d. Nov. 5, 1884.

MLXXIV

1074 WILLIAM, son of (304) Henry W. Murray; m. Dec. 11, 1889, Minnie M. Murray, b. Mch. 10, 1868. Resides Montrose Park, South Orange, N. J. Issue:

1079 WALTER ARTHUR, b. Oct. 27, 1890.
1080 MILDRED EMMA, b. Aug. 13, 1898.

MLXXVII

1077 JULIA E., daughter of (304) Henry W. Murray;

m. Sept. 2, 1890, John Neal, b. Sept. 15, 1854. Resides No. 100 4th Ave., Newark, N. J. Issue:

1081 ANNA VIRGINIA, b. July 23, 1891.
1082 EVELYN, b. Feb. 22, 1894.

CCCV

305 JACOB B., son of (83) Sarah Murray; m. Jan. 20, 1855, Martha Wheeler, b. Aug. 29, 1834. Issue:

1083 RUSSELL W., b. Apr. 6, 1856.
1084 WILLIAM, b. Mch. 9, 1858; m. Jenny Barre.
1085 MARTHA E., b. Mch. 30, 1859; d. Feb. 18, 1861.
1086 MAUD, b. July 13, 1864; m. Edward W. Bigelow.
1087 MABEL, b. Feb. 15, 1868.
1088 JENNY B., b. Sept. 29, 1869; m. Samuel E. Vernon.

Jacob B. Murray was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Brooklyn for many years. He devoted much of his time and means to philanthropic objects and church work, in which he was largely interested. He was an elder of Plymouth Church, and at the time of his death Henry Ward Beecher, then pastor of the church, inscribed the following on the minutes of the Consistory, a copy of which was sent to the widow: "After a prosperous and most happy life, of fifty-two years, God called Jacob B. Murray unto his heavenly rest, on the morning of August 24, 1880. In the fulness of life and happiness, 'his eye *not* dim nor his natural strength abated,' by reason of a brief illness through inflammation of the brain, he arose from earth and entered into life eternal. His body was laid to rest in Greenwood, at the going down of the sun, on Friday, Aug. 27, 1880." (Signed) "Henry Ward Beecher." His widow resides at No. 246 Carroll St., Brooklyn N. Y.

MLXXXIV

1084 WILLIAM, son of (305) Jacob B. Murray; m. Dec. 20, 1880, Jenny Barre, b. Sept. 4, 1861. Resides Brooklyn. Issue:

1089 MARIE A., b. Sept. 21, 1881.
1090 WILLIAM R., b. June 27, 1883.
1091 JEAN F., b. Sept. 30, 1891.

MLXXXVI

1086 MAUD, daughter of (305) Jacob B. Murray; m. Oct. 7, 1886, Edward W. Bigelow, b. Apr. 7, 1861, and had:

1092 MARION, b. July 4, 1887.
1093 CHARLES R., b. July 23, 1890; d. July 1, 1891.
1094 WILDER, b. May 23, 1892.
1095 RUSSELL, b. Jan. 9, 1896.

MLXXXVIII

1088 JENNY B., daughter of (305) Jacob B. Murray; m. Feb. 4, 1892, Samuel E. Vernon, b. 1857. Issue:

1096 VIVIAN, b. Mch. 9, 1894.
1097 MURRAY, b. Jan. 3, 1897.

CCCVII

307 MARTHA M., daughter of (83) Sarah Murray; m. Sept. 9, 1846, Isaac B. Rogers, b. Feb. 23, 1818. Resided Clinton, Iowa. Issue:

1098 SARAH ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 4, 1847. Resides No. 510 7th Ave., Clinton, Iowa.
1099 WILLIAM MURRAY, b. Feb. 19, 1855; m. ; d. 1879. No issue.

1100 HENRY WALTER, b. Mch. 28, 1858; m. Nov., 1881, Molly Hequenburg, of Dunkirk, N. Y. No issue. He d. Aug. 1, 1882.

CCCVIII

308 SARAH ANN, daughter of (84) Jeremiah J. Best; m. at Claverack, Feb. 18, 1846, David Post Daniels, of Montrose, Pa., b. Nov. 18, 1821; d. Nov. 25, 1852. Bur. Claverack. Issue:

1101 SARAH ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 29, 1848.
1102 PHEBE AUGUSTA, b. June 30, 1849; d. June 17, 1897.
1103 MARY JOSEPHINE, b. Oct. 1, 1851.

CCCIX

309 MARY JANE, daughter of (84) Jeremiah J. Best; m. Sept. 18, 1856, John M. Whitman, b. Apr. 12, 1834. Resides Van Hoesen's Corners, Rens. Co., N. Y. Issue:

1104 ALBERT H., b. Oct. 4, 1860; m. 1st. M. Adela Hoes; m. 2nd., Harriet M. Robeson.
1105 LETTIE M., b. June 30, 1862.

MCIV

1104 ALBERT H., son of (309) Mary J. Whitman; m. 1st, Sept. 12, 1883, M. Adela Hoes, and had:

1106 ADELBERT H., b. Apr. 14, 1886.

M. 2nd, Oct. 23, 1889, Harriet M. Robeson, and had:

1107 JOHN L., b. Nov. 23, 1893.
1108 RALPH E., b. Aug. 4, 1899.

CCCXI

311 PETER KIPP, son of (84) Jeremiah J. Best; m. Sept. 23, 1842, by Rev. Fonda at Livingston, Dutchess Co., N. Y., Jane Esselstyn, b. Sept. 23, 1819; d. June 27, 1887. Bur. Mechanicville, N. Y. Issue:

1109 JEREMIAH I., b. Aug. 9, 1843; m. (848) Mary C. Best, daughter of (266) John Best (see under family No. 848).

1110 JACOB ESSELSTYN, b. Aug. 12, 1845; m. Sarah Terry.

1111 CHARLOTTE LOUISE, b. Apr. 15, 1847.

1112 ALFRED EDGAR, b. Dec. 12, 1849; d. Nov. 27, 1893.

1113 MARY VAN DEUSEN, b. June 23, 1851; d. June 27, 1852.

1114 CHARLES AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 9, 1853.

1115 MARY VAN DEUSEN, b. Aug. 21, 1855; m. Oct. 27, 1886, Ezra J. Swartout. No issue.

1116 JANE ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 21, 1856.

1117 PETER EDWARD, b. Feb. 17, 1858; m. Sarah L. Safford.

1118 HARRIET LEANORA, b. Mch. 28, 1860. Resides Mechanicville.

1119 ELLA CAROLINE, b. Mch. 30, 1861; m. Adelbert B. Orcutt.

1120 WILLIAM MALANCTHON, b. Sept. 11, 1862; m. Marion L. Tenney.

1121 LYDIA MABEL, b. Mch. 21, 1866.

Peter K. Best early moved to Mechanicville, where he founded the "Best Brick Co.," which is one of the largest in the State, and is still successfully operated.

MCX

1110 JACOB ESSELSTYN, son of (311) Peter K.

Best; m. Oct. 5, 1875, Mrs. Sarah Terry, of Niskayuna, N. Y. Resides Latham's Corners, N. Y. Issue:

1122 PETER KIPP, b. Apr. 8, 1876; m. Mch. 22, 1899, Bertha Swatling. Resides Berdoy, Albany Co., N. Y. No issue.

MCXVII

1117 PETER EDWARD, son of (311) Peter K. Best; m. Sept. 27, 1881, Sarah L. Safford, of Mechanicville, b. June 14, 1861, and had:

1123 WALTER J., b. Dec. 3, 1886.
1124 EDITH K., b. Aug. 25, 1892.
1125 ORDNAR, b. Mch. 14, 1893.

Peter E. Best resides Eagle Mills, Rens. Co., N. Y.

MCXIX

1119 ELLA CAROLINE, daughter of (311) Peter K. Best; m. Feb. 17, 1885, Adelbert B. Orcutt. Resides Mechanicville. Issue:

1126 HAZEL, b. Feb. 7, 1886.
1127 PAULINE, b. Oct. 23, 1888.
1128 HARLAN TAYLOR, b. Aug. 10, 1891.
1129 GLADYS JANE, b. Apr. 21, 1897.

MCXX

1120 WILLIAM MALANCTHON, son of (311) Peter K. Best; m. Sept, 11, 1880, Marion L. Tenney, of Stillwater, N. Y. Resides Mechanicville, N. Y. Issue:

1130 HERBERT, b. Oct. 1882; d. July 20, 1893.

CCCXIV

314 TRISTRAM COFFIN, son of (84) Jeremiah J. Best; m. 1st., Oct. 30, 1855, Harriet Lamb, b. Oct. 1827; d. Oct. 11, 1865. Bur. Mechanicville. Issue:

1131 George Franklin, b. June 5, 1858; m. Ella H. McLees.
1132 Lewis Howard, b. Apr. 3, 1864; m. Bertha E. Smith.
1133 Emma Jane, b. Aug. 5, 1854, d. Dec. 10, 1858;

M. 2nd, Elizabeth Lamb, b. Sept. 8, 1828; d. Dec. 21, 1897. No issue.

MCXXXI

1131 GEORGE FRANKLIN, son of (314) Tristram C. Best; m. Nov. 23, 1882, Ella Herrick McLees, b. June 7, 1858. Issue:

1134 Grace Mary, b. Apr. 26, 1887; d. May 24, 1893.
1135 Blanche Elizabeth, b. Aug. 7, 1894.

George F. Best resides Round Lake, N. Y.

MCXXXII

1132 LEWIS HOWARD, son of (314) Tristram C. Best; m. Oct. 19, 1893, Bertha E. Smith and had:

1136 Hazel Deborah, b. Oct. 4, 1894.

Lewis H. Best resides Mechanicville, N. Y.

In the year 1900, the author commissioned a genealogist employed by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society to make for him a chart of the Best family from all data then extant and available to the professional searcher. A very cursory examination of this chart discloses a task

quite impossible, except perhaps to the romancer, of attaining with safety, or with any degree of assurance, an haven of certainty, through the interminable maze, by relying solely upon the halting and traditional tracings of a genealogical chart as laid down for us. It is reproduced for the purpose of showing the scanty material of the family which had been published up to that time, upon which the chart was formulated.

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